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The Supreme Court yesterday ruled that President Trump could fire an official at the Federal Trade Commission, reversing nearly a century of precedent and allowing Trump to say his favorite two words to federal agencies.

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Trump wins expanded power over government agencies

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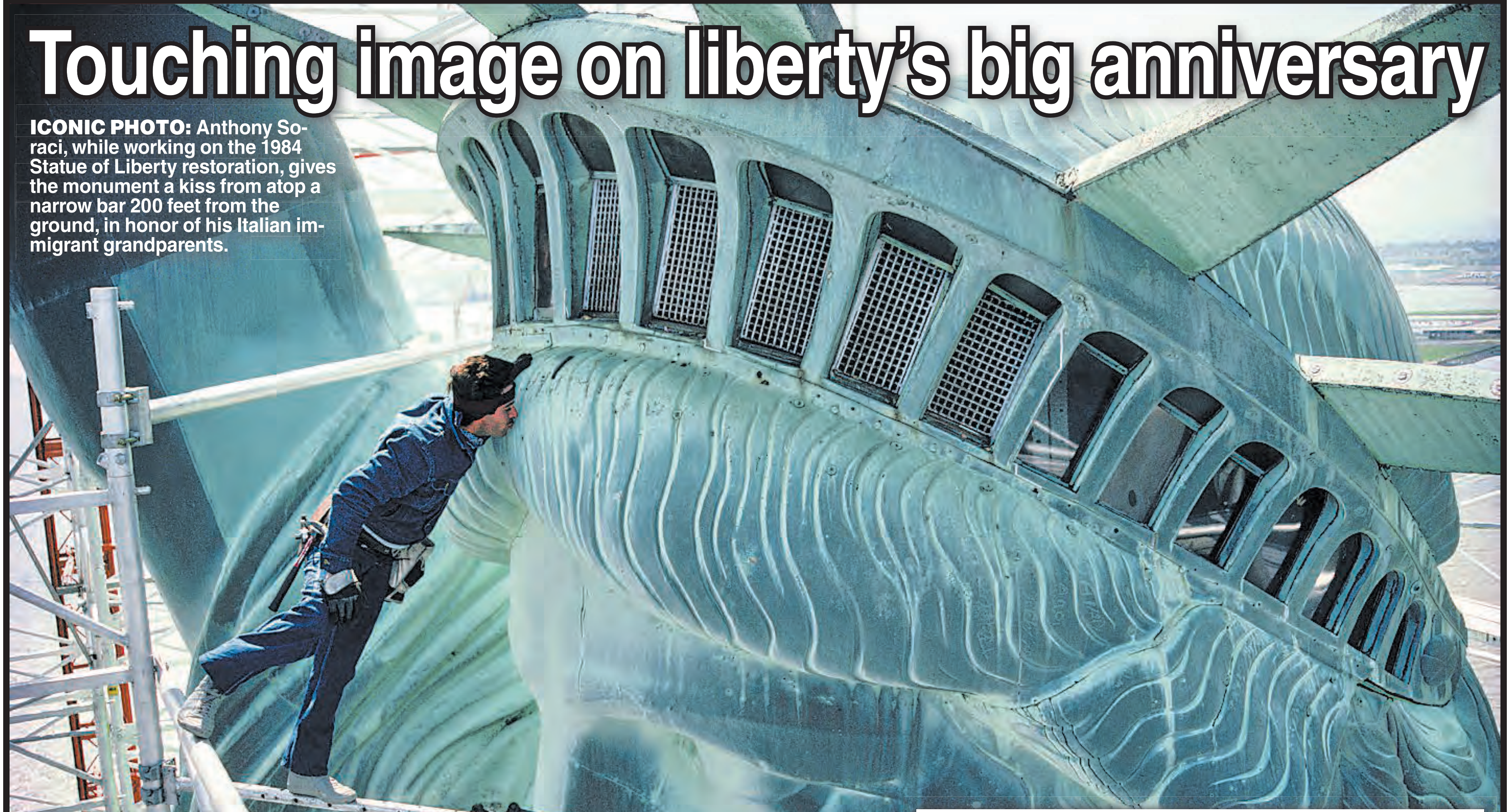

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ICONIC PHOTO: Anthony Soraci, while working on the 1984 Statue of Liberty restoration, gives the monument a kiss from atop a narrow bar 200 feet from the ground, in honor of his Italian immigrant grandparents.

‘SMACKS’ OF PATRIOTISM

By RONNY REYES

President Ronald Reagan described it as an iconic moment that captures the essence of America.

During the 1984 restoration of the Statue of Liberty, construction worker Anthony Soraci was pictured planting a kiss on Lady Liberty’s forehead, decades after the monument welcomed his grandparents to America.

In the incredible photograph, Soraci is perched on a scaffolding bar more than 200 feet off the ground as he leans in for the kiss.

America’s eyes will be on Lady Liberty as the nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of its founding with a week full of festive events — including fireworks and dozens of vintage tall ships sailing into the harbor.

“Many of us have seen the picture of another worker here, a tool belt around his waist, balanced on a narrow metal rod of scaffolding, leaning over to place a kiss on the forehead of Miss Liberty,” Reagan said during the restoration. “Tony Soraci, the grandson of immigrant Italians, said it was something he was proud to do, ‘Something to tell my grandchildren.’ ”

The restoration project was a four-year endeavor that saw the monument encased in scaffolding as architects, engineers and conservators worked together.

Reagan went on to hail Soraci and the others who worked tirelessly to renovate the iconic monuments in time for the statue’s 100th anniversary, saying the job helps ensure the light of freedom continues uniting those who call the US their home.

“We’re bound together because, like them, we too dare to hope — hope that our children will always find here the land of liberty in a land that is free,” Reagan said.

Ronny Reyes

JONATHAN TURLEY

Ruling is a rebalancing act for US

Prez powers up again

ON Monday, Donald Trump sealed one of the most lasting parts of his legacy. In Trump v. Slaughter, the Supreme Court reaffirmed and reinforced the authority of presidents to determine who will carry out the functions of the executive branch. In so doing, the court overruled one of the long-standing limits of presidential power in Humphrey's Executor v. United States.

Humphrey's Executor is hardly a household name. Yet the demise of the 1935 case represents a seismic shift in the balance of power within our constitutional system.

In this case, the court decided that President Trump had the right to fire Rebecca Slaughter, a commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission.

For decades, scholars and jurists have questioned where the Court found the authority for Congress to create a hybrid creature like the FTC — part legislative and part executive, with officials protected from removal by a president.

Various presidents have chafed at this limiting doctrine. But Trump pushed aggressively against the precedent and appointed three justices who would prove critical in ending Humphrey's Executor after more than 90 years.

New executive powers

In a separate case, Trump v. Cook, the court ruled that the President could not fire Lisa Cook, a member of the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors.

Both the win and the loss were vintage Trump. The win because he was unrelenting in his assertion of inherent powers.

The loss in part because he is equally unrelenting in his use of social media to carry out policy.

Chief Justice John Roberts wrote that more than a tweet and conclusory letter is demanded in such a removal from the Federal Reserve, which has always held a unique position in the government and prior cases.

Roberts wrote, "would in effect transform the Federal Reserve's for-cause protection into at-will employment — an interpretive leap out of step with the statute Congress enacted and our Nation's tradition of central banking protected from political interference."

That does not mean that Cook cannot be replaced, but it requires due process not a "thank you for your attention."

It is hard to overstate the transformation of the new executive branch during the Trump terms.

The Slaughter case follows the Loper Bright decision, which ended the huge deference given to government agencies "interpreting" law to their own ends.

Past Republican presidents have criticized the "administrative state" that was iron-plated under the prior Chevron doctrine.

The result is that our government will remain markedly different from that of many of our allies, particularly the United Kingdom. In the UK, ministries operate with a considerable degree of independence and insularity. It is difficult for a prime minister to force through major changes when opposed by ministry civil servants.

Dems could benefit

The US has long maintained that our elections have consequences and that presidents should be able to carry out the mandates of voters.

Trump came to power with a pledge to transform our government by making it smaller and more responsive, as well as to carry out sweeping reforms in areas such as immigration enforcement. He was stymied by lower courts imposing dozens of injunctions and even federal officials who gummed up the works.

The court has cleared much of that away for the president, and he carried out a wholesale housecleaning of agencies.

It is important to remember that what is good for the goose is good for the gander. If the next President is a Gavin Newsom or a Kamala Harris, the same powers will be used to reverse these policies.

The greatest danger, however, is the pledge of Democratic leaders to make the one impulsive change that could endanger the entire enterprise.

Various Democrats have called for packing of the court with an instant liberal majority. Such a move would destroy an institution that has served as a critical moderating element in our constitutional system for 250 years.

Of course, Democrats did not balk at the court reversing longstanding precedent when the results aligned with their views. Now, they would pack the court to force through an agenda currently considered unconstitutional, including reversing many of the decisions of the last 10 years.

The truth is fully on display this week. This court has exercised considerable independence. That includes repeatedly ruling against, and being repeatedly denounced by, this president.

The great philosopher Alexis de Tocqueville described this country as "a land of wonders, in which everything is in constant motion and every change seems an improvement."

We will remain an impatient people, but the only thing that should not change is the constitutional framework for change, including the institutional integrity of the Court itself.

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Supremes OK

By RYAN KING
and TAYLOR HERZLICH

WASHINGTON — President Trump welcomed a Supreme Court ruling on Monday that granted him one of the largest increases in executive power in 100 years to fire federal officials, even as a narrow majority of the justices blocked him from ousting Fed Governor Lisa Cook — for now.

The high court in a 6-3 opinion authored by Chief Justice John Roberts ruled that Trump acted lawfully when he fired former Federal Trade Commissioner Rebecca Slaughter last year, overturning precedents restricting presidents from removing officials at independent government agencies without cause.

'Accountable'

"Although it is up to the Senate to decide whether to confirm those with whom the President would prefer to work, neither Congress nor the courts may saddle him with those with whom he cannot work," Roberts wrote.

"Subordinates who exercise the President's power are subject to removal by him. Then, and only then, can they remain accountable to the President, and the President to the people."

But in a 5-4 decision for the Cook case, Roberts said the Federal Reserve governor "was entitled to notice and some opportunity to respond prior to her termination," and that allowing Trump to fire her would "turn for-cause protection into little more than at-will employment."

The dueling opinions from the high court effectively delivered a split verdict, with Trump claiming in a Truth Social post later that Cook's case "was sent back by the Supreme Court on a strictly procedural basis."

Trump called the Slaughter case a "BIG WIN" and "the Greatest Increase in Presidential Power in the last 100 years."

The president had moved to fire both Slaughter, a former aide to Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), and her fellow Democratic commissioner Alvaro Bedoya in March 2025, with the White House arguing their continued service was "inconsistent with [the] Administration's priorities."

ousting at FTC, but not at Fed

TRUMP WIN IN 'FIRE' FIGHT

SAVED BANKER: The Supreme Court ruled Monday that President Trump had the authority to fire FTC Commissioner Rebecca Slaughter (top inset) — but not Fed Governor Lisa Cook (left).

Bloomberg via Getty Images; Reuters; Getty Images

Slaughter sued, arguing the administration had flouted the Federal Trade Commission Act, which states that the president may only remove commissioners for "inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office."

'35 law reversed

A DC federal judge and an appeals court panel ruled that Slaughter was wrongly fired, but the Supreme Court stayed those decisions in September.

Roberts stressed in the majority opinion that Article II of the Constitution vests "executive power" in the presidency. He noted that ever since the American founding, executive officials "were subject to the President's superintendence" and therefore "had to be removable by him at will."

The Supreme Court's 1926 decision in Myers v. United States found that the president alone has the power to remove appointed officers. But nine years later, the justices carved out an exemption for the FTC in Humphrey's Executor v. United States, which has been followed in determining the makeup of other independent agencies.

During oral arguments, Roberts noted Humphrey's Executor concerned "an agency that had very little, if any, executive power" compared to its current status.

"If anything more is left of Humphrey's, we overrule it," he said.

Roberts caveated that the Federal Reserve may warrant an exception to the opinion and that the president may be restricted from firing key officials at the nation's central bank.

Liberal Justice Sonia Sotomayor penned the dissent, joined by Justices Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson.

"Today, this Court undoes centuries of political practice and concludes that all three branches of Government have been acting in open defiance of the Constitution all this time. Its conclusion is wrong," Sotomayor wrote.

Back to court

Trump attempted to fire Cook, a Joe Biden appointee, on Aug. 25, 2025, citing accusations by Federal Housing Finance Agency Director Bill Pulte that she had committed mortgage fraud.

Cook has denied wrongdoing and sued to block her removal. She was granted an injunction by a DC federal judge, keeping her in her position while the case played out.

In a social media post Monday morning, Pulte wrote: "As I have repeatedly said, I believe Lisa Cook will be indicted for mortgage fraud."

The justices were asked to determine whether the Federal Reserve Act — which stipulates that Fed board members can only be fired "for cause" — afforded Cook the right to a hearing or notice before her ouster.

Roberts ruled that allowing the president to fire Fed board members at will would encroach on the bank's independence.

The decision allows Cook to stay in her job while her case goes back to the lower courts.

SCOTUS mails it in for Dems

The Supreme Court upheld a Mississippi law allowing mail-in ballots postmarked by Election Day to be counted up to five days after polls close, handing Democrats a massive win.

The 5-4 ruling saw Chief Justice John Roberts and conservative Amy Coney Barrett side with their liberal peers in concluding that nothing in federal law requires all ballots to be collected by Election Day.

"The Framers recognized the difficulty of crafting election laws 'applicable to every probable change in the situation of the country,' " Barrett wrote in the majority opinion. "So instead of constitutionalizing election law, they decided that 'a discretionary power over elections' needed to be lodged 'somewhere.' "

"Suffice it to say, that power was not lodged in this Court. The election-day statutes say nothing about ballot receipt, and we cannot add to the words Congress chose." *Ryan King*

Snubbed in Carroll case

The Supreme Court on Monday declined to take up President Trump's appeal of the initial $5 million sexual-abuse and defamation verdict that followed a lawsuit by former advice columnist E. Jean Carroll.

Now Trump must pony up the $5 million to the 82-year-old, who has repeatedly claimed that the president sexually assaulted her in a Bergdorf Goodman fitting room during the mid-1990s.

Trump slammed the ruling and vowed to continue the fight against Carroll.

"Surprisingly, the Supreme Court declined to 'review' a Fake Case brought against me by a woman I never met (Decades old celebrity photo line, standing with her husband, does not count!)," he wrote on Truth Social. *Ryan King*

Reuters

Signs point to ‘theft’

Knicks streets a ‘hot’ item

By XAVIER SERRANO and
NICOLE ROSENTHAL

How long before they get Knick’d?

The city is honoring the Knicks’ legendary championship clinch by installing temporary street signs feting them in Manhattan — but New Yorkers say it’s only a matter of time before die-hard fans swipe the instant-classic markers.

The 18 blue and orange signs, dispersed across Sixth and Seventh avenues Monday, will remain up for a month, with each honoring a member of the team.

“I probably would have been up attempting to” snag Jalen Brunson’s sign if people weren’t around, quipped fan Caleb Vasquez.

“It’s amazing,” he said of the street-sign gesture. “It’s been 53 years, it’s the least we could do to celebrate the team.”

Syd Bland, 29, a project manager from Brooklyn, said of Brunson’s sign at Seventh Avenue South and West 11th Street, “Listen, it’s 3:02 right now on a Monday. It’s going to be gone by 11:58 tonight.”

A 41-year-old artist named Faust added, “To be honest, I was walking up Sixth Avenue, and I thought it already got taken.

“Funny enough, I think on Bowery there was a street sign named after the Ramones, and that was the most stolen street sign in New York history. So I wouldn’t be surprised if this one takes the new crown.”

City Hall and the Department of Transportation, which produces the signs, did not respond to a request for comment.

A female director at JPMorgan Chase was already infamously caught on video emptying a celebratory public Knicks trash can on the street — then stealing it during the team’s parade — a move that got her fired.

W 11 St
Jalen Brunson
Boulevard

CROSSROAD: Knicks fans take a selfie in front of a sign honoring Jalen Brunson at Seventh Avenue South and West 11th Street Monday.

The champs’ respective street signs can be found as follows:

At Sixth Avenue and . . .

- **Houston Street** – Jordan Clarkson **#00**
- **Bleecker Street** – Dillon Jones **#1**
- **Minetta Lane** – Miles “Deuce” McBride **#2**
- **3rd Street** – Josh Hart **#3**
- **4th Street** – Pacôme Dadiet **#4**
- **Washington Place** – Jose Alvarado **#5**
- **8th Street** – OG Anunoby **#8**
- **9th Street** – Kevin McCullar Jr. **#9**

At Seventh Avenue and . . .

- **11th Street** – Jalen Brunson **#11**
- **13th Street** – Tyler Kolek **#13**
- **20th Street** – Jeremy Sochan **#20**
- **23rd Street** – Mitchell Robinson **#23**
- **25th Street** – Mikal Bridges **#25**
- **32nd Street** – Karl-Anthony Towns **#32**
- **44th Street** – Landry Shamet **#44**
- **50th Street** – Trey Jemison III **#50**
- **51st Street** – Mohamed Diawara **#51**
- **55th Street** – Ariel Hukporti **#55**

‘Return the favor’

Each new sign will feature a player’s name and correspond to their jersey number — with Jalen Brunson taking Seventh Avenue South and West 11th Street and Karl-Anthony Towns repping Seventh Avenue and West 32nd Street.

“This New York Knicks team brought so much life to our streets during their magical playoff run, so it’s only right we return the favor,” DOT Commissioner Mike Flynn said in a statement.

Baked Apple

A suffocating heat dome will roast the Big Apple this week, with stifling humidity making it feel like 110 degrees — and electricity demands expected to hit near-record levels.

New York City is expected to suffer four straight days of sweltering 90-degree heat, with highs nearing 100 from Wednesday through Saturday.

Anna Young

TODAY	TOMORROW	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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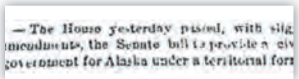

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Alaska gets an *ice* new US gov’t

The Post is counting down to America’s 250th birthday with a look back at the nation’s — and the paper’s — history. Every day leading up to the big event on July 4, we’re publishing notable covers and stories from our archives:

Alaskan government
May 14, 1884

“The House yesterday passed, with slight amendments, the Senate bill to provide a civil government for Alaska under a territorial form,” reported a small item on Page 3.

Three days later, on May 17, 1884, President Chester A. Arthur signed the Organic Act into law, establishing the District of Alaska and creating a civil government for it.

Happy
250th,
USA!

The US had purchased Alaska from Russia for $7.2 million in 1867 to expand its territory and thwart British expansion.

Secretary of State William H. Seward negotiated the deal, which many at the time saw as an unnecessary expense, deeming it “Seward’s Folly.”

It would ultimately prove to have been a great buy given the area’s abundant natural resources — including gold — and military importance.

In 1959, Alaska became the 49th US state.

Hailey Eber

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250 yrs. ago life was half

Americans today live roughly twice as long, on average, as they did when the Declaration of Independence was signed.

When the nation was founded in 1776, life expectancy was around 35 to 40 years old, historians estimate. However, someone who survived childhood in colonial America often lived into their 60s or even 70s.

Today, the average life span is about 79 years old, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The improvement in life span over the centuries has been largely attributed to reduced deaths in infancy and from infectious diseases, multiple researchers have stated. Advances in sanitation, clean water, nutrition, vaccination and medical care have also contributed to lower mortality rates.

"Much of this vast discrepancy is related to the extremely high rates of infant, childhood and maternal mortality," Dr. Omer Awan, physician and professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, told Fox News Digital.

Advances in treatments of chronic diseases such as high blood pressure, cancer and diabetes have also significantly prolonged life, the doctor noted. *Fox News*

Actor's $5M B'klyn pad

Adam Driver is staying put in Brooklyn Heights — just moving up in the world.

The Oscar-nominated "Marriage Story" star has quietly listed his combined three-bedroom condo at 20 Henry Street in Brooklyn Heights for just under $5 million, The Post has learned.

The move comes just days after Driver shelled out $11.5 million for three units on the sixth floor of The Standish, the ultra-exclusive Columbia Heights building that is fast becoming the borough's most glamorous address.

Driver assembled the Henry Street home over several years. *Mary K. Jacob*

MSG preps mystery event, aka Tay's nups

SWIFT SMOKE AND 'MIRROR'

By LEAH BITSKY
and NICKI GOSTIN

A nod to one of Taylor Swift's favorite songs added to the buzz outside Madison Square Garden on Monday, just days before the singer and Travis Kelce are expected to celebrate their wedding at the iconic Midtown venue.

Page Six spotted several vendors setting up for a massive event at MSG, including a lighting company, a piping and draping business, a transportation services company and several unmarked trucks.

Staffers were seen unloading large items wrapped up in tarps off of parked semi-trailer trucks. There were also forklifts moving huge trunks filled with unknown inventory.

Also, Page Six observed a box labeled "40-inch mirror ball" being unloaded on the property, potentially a nod to Swift's hit song from her 2020 "Folklore" album, "Mirrorball."

(Last year, Swift told Harper's Bazaar that the melody is one of her favorite songs she's ever written.)

Open secret

Other vendors turned deliveries into covert operations, with some businesses concealing their names, logos and phone numbers with tape.

Several workers on the scene told us they were not informed about the identities of the clients they are setting up for.

The lighting company had no comment and a spokesperson for the piping and draping business did not respond to Page Six's request for comment.

Page Six reported in April that the "Love Story" singer and Kansas City Chiefs tight end were going to tie the knot over the July Fourth weekend.

Last month, sources told Page Six that they would hold their reception at the Garden.

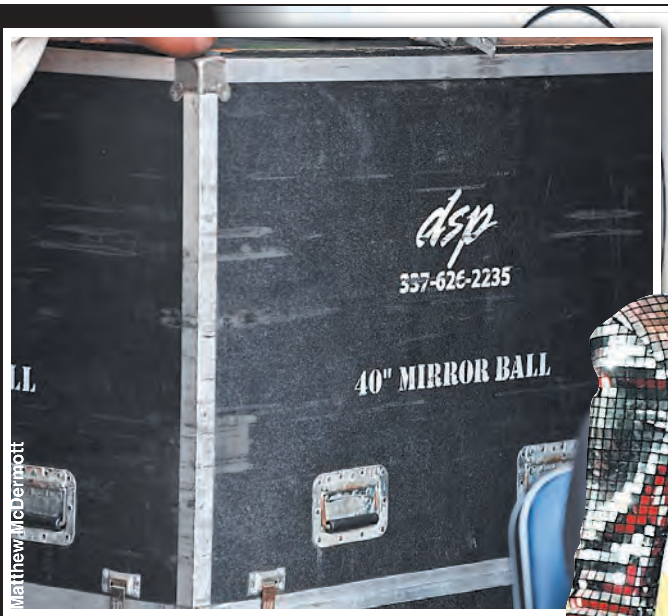
Mayor Mamdani dropped a major clue about their impending nuptials this month while discussing security arrangements for the FIFA World Cup.

"We know it coincides with the Knicks' Finals run," he said of the soccer tournament. "We know it coincides with July Fourth, America 250, Taylor Swift's wedding — all happening at the same time."

City Hall confirmed that permits were filed to close streets around MSG for July 2 to July 4 and for a tent big enough for 999 people.

There is also a permit for a 100-person event on Thursday — with an insider saying it will be their rehearsal dinner.

While the exact date of their wedding remains unclear, Page Six confirmed that Stevie Nicks and Tim McGraw are set to perform at what some sources are calling Kelce and Swift's "Wedding-palooza."



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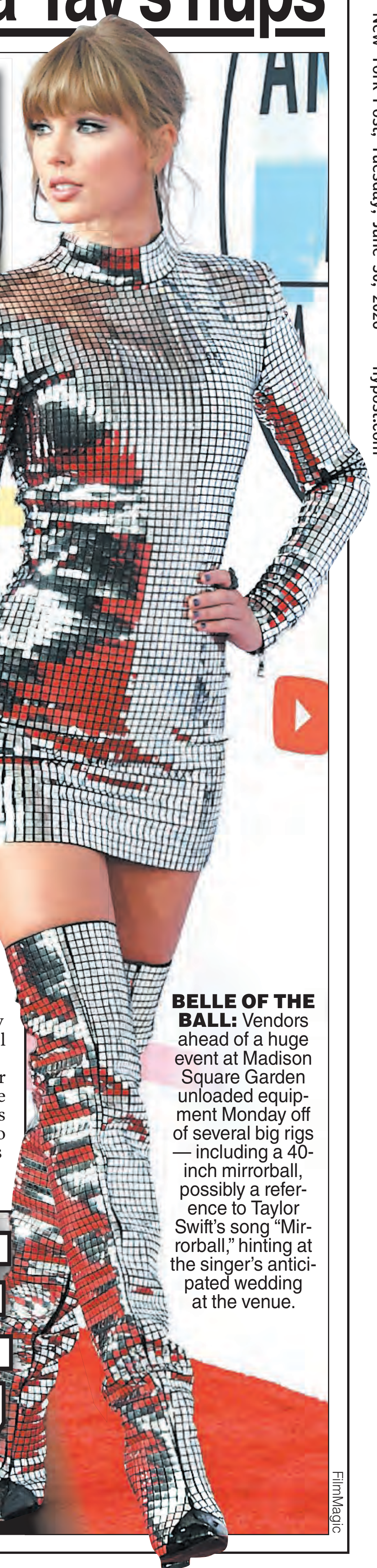
BELLE OF THE BALL: Vendors ahead of a huge event at Madison Square Garden unloaded equipment Monday off of several big rigs — including a 40-inch mirrorball, possibly a reference to Taylor Swift's song "Mirrorball," hinting at the singer's anticipated wedding at the venue.

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Vouchers not the 'lease' of Hizz problems

By CRAIG McCARTHY,
HANNAH FIERICK
and MATT TROUTMAN

They can't vouch on a budget deal.

Mayor Mamdani and the City Council were deadlocked on striking a deal over the $124.7 billion city budget Monday — as Hizzoner drew fire from his lefty comrades for breaking a campaign promise to expand housing vouchers.

The mayor's resistance to growing the cityFHEPS voucher program, as mandated by a 2023 city law, ticked off his progressive allies in the council less than a week after he delivered their long-held dream of a rent freeze.

"The CityFHEPS rental assistance program is a lifeline for 65,000 of the most vulnerable New Yorkers — but it could and should be serving thousands more," Council Speaker Julie Menin posted on X as she rallied with other members Friday to call on City Hall to fund the program's expansion in the budget.

The Council's Black, Latino and Asian Caucus called on the mayor to "shake @SpeakerMenin's hand on a budget deal that includes funding for CityFHEPS," while thanking her for "holding the line in these negotiations."

Councilwoman Julie Won, a Queens Democrat, added: "The mayor's choice to defund it is a deep betrayal to New Yorkers in the system looking for support to restore their lives. There's still time to do what's right: Expand CityFHEPs."

The city has until midnight Tuesday to pass a budget, although failing to do so carries no consequences other than bruised political egos for not greenlighting a spending plan on time during Mamdani's first year in office.

Several council sources were annoyed that Mamdani jumped into a pool, while wearing a suit, during a photo op Saturday instead of finalizing the budget deal while lawmakers and their staff huddled at City Hall.

"When running for office, he said whatever the voters wanted to hear just to get votes," one Democratic Council Member, who requested anonymity, fumed to The Post on Monday.

"It's clear he didn't fully analyze whether those promises were achievable. It's a dishonest way of earning support, and it's another reason why Mamdani can't be trusted."

Despite his vow on the campaign trail, Mamdani — who has made affordable housing a keystone of his administration — has balked at funding the expansion, which could cost the cash-strapped city $3 billion to $4 billion a year. The council in 2023 voted to grow cityFHEPS, potentially roping in up to 50,000 new families into the program, which provides taxpayer-funded vouchers to homeless New Yorkers to get them out of shelters and into long-term housing.

Adams opposed

The passage came with the understanding that expanding the voucher program would help empty out city-funded homeless shelters. But the city has so far failed to reduce its shelter population, leading to the prospect that the voucher expansion would actually just balloon costs.

Former Mayor Eric Adams desperately fought the expansion — which he contended would cost billions of dollars more than advertised — by first issuing a veto that was overridden, and then with a court battle.

The former mayor's court fight drew jeers from then-state Assemblyman Mamdani, who deemed it a "ridiculous waste of time during a housing crisis." He double-downed by promising during the mayoral campaign last year to drop the lawsuit and let the voucher program go forward.

Instead, Hizzoner is continuing the court battle first waged by his predecessor, rankling many of his lefty political allies, as well as progressive advocacy groups.

RULE THE

By CARL CAMPANILE

THE TAX MAM: Mayor Mamdani, who created a stir by singling out Citadel founder Ken Griffin's penthouse as eligible for his pied-à-terre tax, has unveiled the rules governing the new levy.

The Mamdani administration has unveiled rules for how the city's new pied-à-terre tax will be enforced — with the first surcharge notices going out in the coming weeks, The Post has learned.

The city Department of Finance will let owners of thousands of luxury secondary residences know they've been deemed eligible for the tax by Aug. 30, according to the newly published proposed guidelines.

The DOF has subpoena power and can conduct audits going back six years to determine whether a property should be taxed or exempt.

One- to three-family homes worth at least $5 million and co-ops and condominiums valued at $1 million or more — that are unoccupied, non-primary residences — would be subject to the surcharge, approved by the state Legislature.

The DOF has subpoena power and can conduct audits going back six years to determine whether a property should be taxed or exempt.

Reassessing condos

And it can impose a fine equal to 50% of the pied-à-terre tax bill for providing false, inaccurate or misleading information — in a bid to crack down on "gamesmanship" by owners seeking to avoid the levy, according to the rules.

The city particularly highlighted as an example "a condominium property [that] has been divided into more than three units to avoid application of the surcharge and such division was made in bad faith."

"This provision would promote compliance with the surcharge by increasing the potential cost of evasion by property owners while ensuring that such property owners are afforded an opportunity to challenge the imposition of such penalties," the regulation states.

Owners will have 30 days to appeal or challenge the new tax bill imposed on non-primary residences. Appeals would be made to the city's Tax Commission, or in some cases to the DOF.

The surcharge — part of Mayor Mamdani and his Democratic Socialists of America comrades' "tax the rich" crusade — aims to target wealthy people who don't live in New York City but own residential property here that sits unoccupied.

City officials estimate the pied-à-terre tax will generate between $340 million and $500 million in annual revenue from approximately 10,000 luxury second homes.

One- to three-family homes will be taxed at a rate of between 0.8% to 1.3% depending on their value, while the rate for co-ops and condos starts at 4% and goes up to 6.5% for those worth over $5 million.

Co-ops and condos are believed to be undervalued, based on the city's property value assessment system, so the higher rate of tax will allow the city to collect more revenue from them, real-estate insiders said.

The DOF is expected to recalculate their value in two years, as part of "phase two" of the tax, which will lapse in 2031 unless

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Zo's pied-à-terre directives hit home for units over $1M

Well, today we're taxing the rich.

Mayor Mamdani/X

Punished for success

Who will be taxed?

- Condos and co-ops with a market value of **$1** million or more that are used as non-primary residences
- 1- to 3-family homes with a market value of **$5** million or more that are used as non-primary residences
- Starting in 2028, threshold becomes **$5** million value for all covered property

When will it go into effect?

- July 1, 2026 but applies retroactively from January 1, 2026
- Stops in 2031 unless extended by the state Legislature

What will the rate be?

- **1- to 3-family homes:**

$5-15 million: Rate of 0.8%
$15-25 million: Rate of 1.05%
Over **$25** million: Rate of 1.3%

- **Condos and co-ops:**

$1-3 million: Rate of 4%
$3-5 million: Rate of 5.25%
Over **$5** million: Rate of 6.5%

the Legislature renews it.

The real-estate industry has long opposed the pied-à-terre tax, citing complexity in determining who is covered and collecting it — and insiders said there are sure to be lawsuits contesting the mandate.

Real-estate sources note the new tax would be a headache for co-op boards responsible for helping collect the surcharge from a shareholder or owner of an apartment in the building.

"The Department of Finance's proposed rules highlight the serious challenges of implementing the second-home tax fairly," said Zachary Steinberg, executive vice president of external relations & advocacy at the Real Estate Board of New York.

"As the city rushes to roll out this new tax, many New Yorkers — particularly cooperative apartment owners who were never intended to be affected — may be hit with unexpected tax bills and little time to appeal," the REBNY rep added.

The rules go into effect after the public comment period closes July 9. Most comments thus far favor the pied-à-terre tax, but there are naysayers.

"Communism at its finest. This law will ensure that anyone with a second home here will be driven out of NYC if they have not already left. You are chasing your tax bases away," one anonymous response said.

But Mohamed Fathelbab, a licensed real-estate agent said, "I'm telling you all, this tax will not chase a single multimillionaire or billionaire away from the city. And the revenue that'll come in will be of great benefit."

Billionaire hedge-fund honcho Ken Griffin's city property tax bill is reportedly estimated to go up about $1.3 million to $1.4 million under the new tax.

The democratic socialist Mamdani caused a stir when he singled out the Citadel founder's penthouse as eligible for the tax in a viral video filmed outside the residence.

Mam with $15M plan for trans

Mayor Mamdani unveiled a $15 million plan to expand transgender medical services for youths and adults across New York City, as local hospital systems have shuttered their treatment programs amid mounting pressure from the Trump administration.

The taxpayer-funded initiative appears to be a scaled-down version of Mamdani's campaign promise to spend $65 million on medical treatments for transgender New Yorkers, and will go toward establishing a fund to ensure Big Apple youths will retain access to those services.

The funds, which will be doled out over two years, will also be used to establish a phone and text hotline for transgender New Yorkers seeking information about care, services or other resources and support.

However, notably, the money won't be used to launch new trans medical services for minors — such as hormone therapy and puberty blockers — through the city's own providers.

NYU Langone Health and Mount Sinai Health System both put the brakes on offering trans medical care to patients under 18 after the Trump administration made moves to yank federal funding from healthcare institutions offering such treatment to minors.

Chris Nesi

DSA's 'burbs of prey eyed

The Democratic Socialists of America likely didn't run or endorse a single recent candidate on Long Island in order to not lose face — but a planned local takeover is coming, experts say.

The far-left DSA's leaders believe the groundwork has now been laid for it to start targeting the massive suburban voter base after landslide primary wins in New York City last week, they said.

"New York City is the beating heart of the DSA movement, and they rightfully focused on their [congressional districts] of strength — and now would be the time to start expanding out into the suburbs," political analyst John Tomlin told The Post.

Brandon Cruz

‘Mine’ for the taking

Lutniks, Trumps profit on US deal

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By RONNY REYES

The sons of President Trump and Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick stand to see a big windfall after businesses tied to the families helped secure a $1.6 billion mining deal in Kazakhstan, according to a new report.

After Trump and Lutnick closed a deal for US-based Kaz Resources to mine one of the world’s largest untapped reserves of tungsten last November, records indicate firms tied to their sons saw financial gain from the contract, The New York Times reported.

Dominari Securities — which is housed at Trump Tower in New York and partly owned by the president’s two eldest sons, Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump — had taken a 20% stake in a company related to the project.

Cantor Fitzgerald — an investment company controlled by Lutnick’s family and overseen by his sons Brandon and Kyle Lutnick — helped one of the investors working with Dominari raise $210 million in new capital.

The dealings have raised questions about the families’ financial gains during Trump’s second term.

“The only special interest guiding the Trump administration’s decision-making is the best interest of the American people,” White House spokesman Kush Desai told The Post.

‘Full support’

The Kazakhstan deal manifested last year. During the negotiations, Lutnick pushed Kazakhstani President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev to give the mining contract to Kaz Resources Executive Chairman Pini Althaus and his backers, writing that the Trump administration “fully supports” the company.

When Tokayev arrived in New York in September to discuss the deal, Trump called in to help close the deal, Althaus told the Times.

Dominari and Cantor Fitzgerald signed the deal Nov. 6, six days after the investment involving the Trump sons, the Times reported.

Dominari did not respond to The Post’s request for comment.

HEIRS: President Trump and Commerce chief Howard Lutnick’s (inset) sons stand to gain from a deal with Kazakhstan (below).

The Trump brothers have said they were not involved in the specifics of the deal.

Cantor Fitzgerald told The Post its role was limited to raising capital and did not “include participation in negotiations with the current or any prior administration.”

The Commerce Department told the Times that Lutnick did not have “any discussions whatsoever with Cantor Fitzgerald regarding the rare earth minerals industry,” noting that the Trump official had sold his ownership stake in the company.

Union big rips tax ‘exodus’

The architect behind California’s controversial billionaire tax dismissed warnings the proposal is already driving wealthy residents out of the Golden State, calling the claims “entirely fabricated” even as a growing list of billionaires have reportedly relocated or are weighing an exit ahead of the November election.

Dave Regan, president of SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West, said there is “absolutely no evidence” that wealthy Californians are fleeing because of the proposed one-time tax, pushing back against critics ranging from Gov. Gavin Newsom to business groups and Silicon Valley executives.

“There is absolutely no evidence that billionaires leave,” Regan told KCRA’s Ashley Zavala Sunday as the bill made it onto the November ballot.

“Billionaires are the wealthiest people on the planet. They can live wherever they want in the world, let alone in the country.”

The labor leader argued that similar predictions failed to materialize elsewhere.

“All of the evidence, all of the research, all of the data that we have is that the very wealthy make this argument every single time,” Regan said.

Zain Khan

‘Gunman’ eyes plea

WASHINGTON — White House Correspondents’ Dinner gunman Cole Allen is talking to federal prosecutors about taking a plea deal, his lawyers revealed Monday.

Allen entered the DC federal courtroom in an orange jumpsuit and shackles for the 10-minute hearing, where Department of Justice attorneys and the alleged assassin’s defense team mentioned a possible plea agreement.

“No plea offer has been extended up to this point,” prosecutor Adam Berry said.

Defense lawyer Tezira Abe added, “There has been a potential discussion of a plea.”

Josh Christenson, Ally Goelz

Feds probe Dem after panel nixes rap

The Justice Department has launched an investigation into Sen. Ruben Gallego (D-Ariz.) related to luxury outings and family trips paid for with campaign donations, The Post has confirmed.

The DOJ probe into possible campaign finance violations by the potential 2028 Democratic presidential hopeful, first reported by Axios, stems from a whistleblower complaint out of Southern California.

News of the investigation surfaced just hours after the Senate Ethics Committee rejected a complaint filed against Gallego, accusing him of campaign finance violations and sexual misconduct.

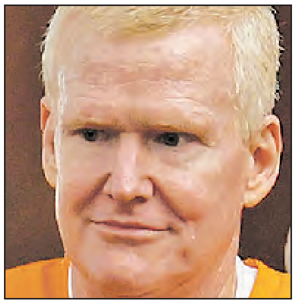
“[President] Trump is targeting Senator Gallego while the most weaponized Department of Justice in history is turning a blind eye to Trump’s unprecedented corruption,” a Gallego spokesperson told Axios.

Last week, Politico reported that Gallego tapped into a joint campaign account with his ex-buddy, former Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Calif.), to attend Super Bowl LVII in Arizona.

The “Swallego Victory Fund,” which Gallego and Swalwell set up in October 2022, held a fundraiser at the big game and spent over $37,000 between tickets and meals. Gallego also took his family on trips to Disney World and Disneyland, where he participated in PAC retreats.

Neither the senator’s office nor the DOJ responded to requests for comment.

Victor Nava



ALEX MURDAUGH
New murder trial.

Murdaugh do-over in April

Disgraced lawyer Alex Murdaugh was back in court Monday for the first time since his double-murder conviction was overturned by the South Carolina Supreme Court, at a hearing where a judge set his new trial for next year.

Lexington County Judge Debra McCaslin tentatively set the retrial for April 5, noting that date could be pushed back if there are any delays processing the DNA evidence, according to a report by local outlet WRDW.

The state Supreme Court tossed the conviction against the disbarred attorney for murdering his wife and son in 2021 after it found a clerk in his case tampered with the jury.

Murdaugh is still serving decades in jail for two convictions for bilking clients.

A new jury will be tasked with determining whether he is guilty of killing son Paul and wife Maggie near the dog kennels at their hunting estate June 7, 2021. *Priscilla DeGregory*

Boy, 10, 'shot' Mo. baby dead

A 10-year-old Missouri boy has been charged with murder for allegedly shooting a 7-month-old baby in the head, with the tiny victim's teenage dad also charged for letting the kid to get the gun.

The accused preteen killer is believed to be the youngest person to have ever been charged with murder in Missouri.

He was taken into custody Friday after cops rushed to a St. Louis home and found baby Kiyomi Parker with a gunshot wound to the head, police and local reports said. *Anna Young*

DOJ probes mogul's 'lefty launder'

A 'SINGH' OF BIG TROUBLE

Getty Images; Reuters

ROYAL FLUSH: The feds are probing tech big Neville Roy Singham (with wife Jodie Evans) for alleged financial fraud to fund left-wing groups that protest ICE enforcement in the US (above).

By JOSH CHRISTENSON
and ALLY GOELZ

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has launched a grand jury investigation into centimillionaire Neville Roy Singham for allegedly breaking the law to fund a network of Marxist and other left-wing groups in the US for more than a decade, The Post has learned.

Grand jurors have been empaneled in Manhattan, and prosecutors in US Attorney Jay Clayton's office have fired off subpoenas for bank records, to probe allegations of money laundering or other financial fraud, according to a source familiar with the matter.

The grand-jury probe into the Connecticut-born, Shanghai-based tech mogul, first reported by Fox News, began months ago and was authorized by acting Attorney General Todd Blanche, the source said.

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has also met with Goldman Sachs CEO David Solomon to discuss the investigation.

The bank's philanthropic entity, the GS Donor Advised Philanthropy Fund for Wealth Management, allegedly helped funnel Singham's dollars to US groups.

In total, $285 million has flowed from Singham to the Goldman Sachs philanthropic fund and shell companies, before moving on to nonprofits, media organizations and other activist groups, per Fox News Digital.

Bessent reportedly warned Goldman that it could be implicated in an alleged conspiracy involving Singham's contributions if it didn't cooperate with the DOJ's probe.

'It's about time'

According to Fox, Solomon agreed to assist prosecutors.

"All distributions from Mr. Singham's donor-advised fund were made to legal nonprofits, as determined by the IRS," a spokesperson for Goldman Sachs said.

"There have been no distributions from Mr. Singham's donor-advised fund since August 2023, and it was closed in early 2024," the rep added.

The Post previously reported that Singham, 72, has also donated more than $15 million to radical social justice groups globally via a Chicago post office box.

Other funds have found their way to lefty protest groups, including several that have opposed Immigration and Customs Enforcement efforts in Minneapolis and Los Angeles.

House Republicans have alleged ties between Singham and the Party for Socialism and Liberation, the People's Forum, the ANSWER Coalition and more than a dozen other far-left groups.

For a time, Singham also shared office space with the Maku Group, a Chinese Communist Party-promoting propaganda network, according to lawmakers.

Other Singham-linked nonprofits include BreakThrough News and the radical publishing company 1804 Books.

Singham has also been married since 2017 to Jodie Evans, founder of far-left anti-war group CODEPINK.

Congressional Republicans have been probing Singham's ties to CODEPINK, and they demanded its tax-exempt status be stripped for allegedly taking money from foreign adversaries and not using its funds for charitable purposes.

"For years, Roy Singham has abused the generous tax status awarded to tax exempt organizations to fund left wing chaos and violence in our country," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jason Smith (R-Mo.) on Monday. "It's about time he is brought to justice and he is held accountable for his ties to the CCP."

Invoked Mao

In a speech this past November at the Global South Academic Forum in Shanghai, Singham called for a "new world order," invoked Chinese despot Mao Zedong's cries for a "people's war" to spread communism, and declared the US a "fascist" country.

Singham, the son of a Brooklyn College political science professor, made his fortune through the sale of his IT company ThoughtWorks for roughly $785 million to Apax Partners, a London-based private equity firm.

Reps for the DOJ and Treasury did not respond to a request for comment.

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Radicals harass Cali pol over Gaza

All that's *left* seems to be hate

LIEL LEIBOVITZ

IT'S been a rough weekend for Scott Wiener. The California state senator, who is hoping to replace the retiring Nancy Pelosi in Congress later this year, was heading over to San Francisco's Trans March last Friday when he was circled by a gaggle of radicals, some sporting kaffiyehs and covering their faces.

Yelling invectives and giving Wiener the finger, they accused the uber-progressive lawmaker — himself a gay man and one of the state's most effective legislators on LGBTQ issues — of being "terrible on Gaza." At some point, a thug taunted Wiener, who is Jewish, about having "Israeli handlers."

A video of the ambush shows Wiener looking stunned and eventually hurrying out of the park without attending the march.

"When opposition and disagreement transition to harassment," he said later that day in a statement, "including cornering me, touching me, or trying to physically bully me out of a public event, that crosses a line. We're living in a time when violence is all too often threatened or used against people in public life. In San Francisco, we're better than that."

Broken political culture

Except that, as the video of the assault so clearly shows, San Francisco *isn't* better than that, and neither, sadly, are the rest of us.

Because more, maybe, than any other scuffle in recent memory, the assault on Wiener showed just how truly all-around broken our political culture has become. Let's begin with the thugs themselves.

"You stopped being queer the moment you started supporting Israel, you piece of s--t!" shrieked one assailant, giving us the clearest peek we've had yet into the minds of the so-called "pro-Palestine" crowd.

First, this statement assumes that nothing else matters but the obsession with a conflict unfurling thousands of miles away. Not housing for poor folks in Sacramento. Not healthcare for working families in Fresno. Not the real-life concerns of any real, live Americans — just "Palestine," or, more accurately, a burning hatred for Israel.

Second, the assault on Wiener gave us proof, as if any further proof was needed, that you can never satisfy the bloodthirsty lunatics on the left. Wiener had already publicly succumbed to his party's most raging radicals.

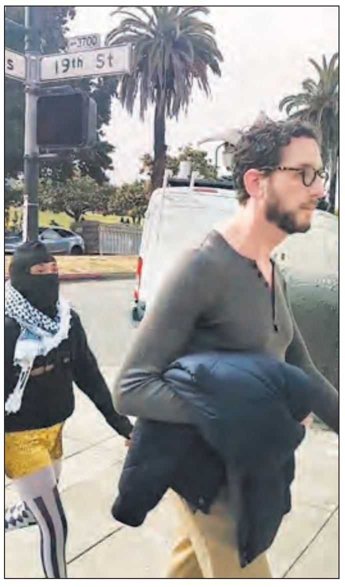
Earlier this year, he abandoned his previously ever-so-slightly nuanced position on the conflict — one that put at least some of the blame on Hamas and its campaign of rapes and massacres — and declared Israel guilty of "genocide."

Following widespread condemnations from California Jews of all stripes, Wiener stepped down as the co-chair of the state's Jewish Caucus.

None of that was nearly enough for the hordes cornering him on Friday. Why?

Because "pro-Palestine" is simply a slightly more pleasant term for rabid Jew-hatred. The goons poking their fingers at Wiener weren't protesting any of his policies or positions. They were simply having fun beating up on a Jew, just as their spiritual ancestors in Berlin had done not even a century ago.

TARGETED: Radical lefty thugs accused Jewish pol Scott Wiener of having "Israeli handlers."



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And they're hardly outliers. From New York's mayor, who has referred to pro-Israeli advocates as "monsters" to our soon-to-be congresswoman, Darializa Avila Chevalier, who attended a pro-Hamas rally on Oct. 8, 2023, the Democratic Party is now the party of bigotry, violence and hate.

Cowardice abounds

Which, sadly, doesn't mean that Wiener himself is an innocent victim here. Cowardice and complacency aren't minor character flaws. And it doesn't take a particularly brilliant student of history to realize that you can never, ever appease the revolutionaries: All you can do is buy yourself a little more time before they put you, too, up against the wall.

Wiener learned his lesson the hard way Friday. But scores of Jewish Democrats, all of them remarkably silent in the face of this hostile takeover of their party by a band of maniacs, are still shying away from confrontation, keeping mum and hoping that the hordes will spare them somehow.

Newsflash for Chuck Schumer et al: They won't.

Finally, watching Wiener flee, haggard and humiliated, too many conservatives cheered on, delighted by the spectacle of the left eating its own. This, too, must stop. We only have two political parties in America, and when one gets eaten up by the sort of savages who think nothing of roughing up an opponent simply because he's Jewish, we're in deep, deep trouble.

Kicking these benighted savages out of the Democrat Party, out of politics, and, whenever possible, out of America, is a tall order. Here's hoping it's one that can still bring all sane Americans together, no matter their partisan affiliation.

Opposing Israel is key to my wins: Zo

Mayor Mamdani admitted that his slate of candidates campaigning against Israel in favor of the Palestinian cause helped secure Tuesday's election sweep, and repeated that he opposes Israel functioning as a Jewish-led state.

Mamdani, 34, said it's a turning point in the Democratic Party with rank-and-file members opposing — rather than supporting — Israel in Middle East conflicts.

"We've seen on Tuesday evening, we saw Democrats turn out in districts across the city to make clear that they were tired of tens of billions of dollars being spent in our taxpayer dollars to violate international law, to kill thousands of civilians," the mayor said Sunday on ABC News' "This Week."

He said there's supposed to be a "cease-fire" in Gaza, but "more than a thousand Palestinians have been killed in that cease-fire."

"And what New Yorkers want to see is a politics of conscience, a politics of clarity, a politics of conviction. And to follow international law, to believe in the humanity of all people, it shouldn't be a journey too far. And I think that our party needs to hear what Democrats are telling them," Mamdani told host Jonathan Karl.

That puts Mamdani in agreement with New York state Democratic Party chairman Jay Jacobs, who told The Post on Sunday that anti-Israel fervor played a role in sinking more pro-Israel establishment incumbents.

Mamdani-backed candidates Israel-bashing firebrand Darializa Avila Chevalier and former city Comptroller Brad Lander upset incumbent Reps. Adriano Espaillat and Dan Goldman, respectively. Both incumbents back the Jewish state.

"Yes, I do think the Israel-Palestinian issue had an impact in the election," said Jacobs, a pro-Israel moderate.

Carl Campanile

CAROLINE PEÑA
Wouldn't back down.

Slain ma fought attackers

The mother of five who was hacked to death — allegedly by two sisters and their pal — desperately fought for her life during the vicious, broad-daylight ambush, the victim's friend revealed.

Kitty Mia Diaz, 21, and Amaya Cookie Diaz, 19, along with their friend Kyandra Renee Faz, 21, are being held on combined $15 million bail murder charges after, police say, they repeatedly stabbed Caroline "Caro" Peña, 32, at around 2 p.m. Thursday in Del Rio, Texas.

As Peña was rushed to a hospital, a chilling photo allegedly snapped during the attack was posted to a local Facebook page, where it served as the first harrowing indication to Peña's longtime friend, Zelina Ochoa, that something terrible had happened.

The now-deleted photo showed Peña refusing to back down as blood soaked through the back of her pink shirt. *Georgia Worrell*

Yearbook yank for Hitler pic

A middle school in an upscale New Jersey suburb has started taking back yearbooks after it discovered a photo of Adolf Hitler in the student baby photos section.

"Earlier today, after students had already received their yearbooks, we learned that the baby pictures section of the yearbook contained an image that was later identified as an infant photograph of Adolf Hitler," Ryan Aupperlee, principal of East Brook MS in Paramus, wrote in a June 25 letter to families obtained by NJ.com. *Chris Nesi*

TEARFUL ENCORE

Stars honor late mogul Davis

By GEORGIA WORRELL

LEGENDARY SENDOFF: A parade of a-listers turned out Monday at Central Synagogue on the Upper East Side for the funeral of music mogul Clive Davis, who died June 22 at 94. The attendees included stars (left to right below) Alicia Keys, Barry Manilow, Bruce Springsteen and Stevie Wonder.

AP Photo/Adam Gray (2); Getty Images for The Recording Academy; Getty Images; GC Images; Luiz C. Ribeiro for NY Post

Musical icons came out in full force Monday to pay tribute to the late great mogul Clive Davis, including a devastated Alicia Keys, who wept through her speech at an Upper East Side synagogue.

Keys, whom Davis helped launch into stardom, was in tears and had to borrow someone's handkerchief as she approached the podium at Central Synagogue.

"I'm actually not a crier. I'm in a strange place," the "Empire State of Mind" singer told the crowd before telling the story of when she first met Davis when she was just 15 years old.

"You saw something in me that I was just beginning to see in myself," she read in an emotional letter to him.

Dionne Warwick, Barry Manilow, Ja Rule and Stevie Wonder were among the other A-list musicians who attended the private service where Kenny G delivered a somber sax solo, Jennifer Hudson gave a powerful performance and Bruce Springsteen reflected on the industry kingmaker who helped launch his career.

'We love you, Clive'

Davis — the iconic music mogul responsible for the monumental careers of Whitney Houston, Sean "Diddy" Combs, Kelly Clarkson and countless others — died peacefully from an age-related illness at his Manhattan home June 22, his family told Page Six.

He was 94.

Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Adrien Brody, Hoda Kotb and Gayle King also were among the notable figures who turned out to honor Davis.

Davis, a record company lawyer who rose to become one of the most influential figures in modern music history, would have been thrilled by the star-studded farewell, Rabbi Angela Warnick Buchdahl told mourners.

"Clive would have loved this," she said.

Springsteen called Davis "big, bombastic and brave" during an emotional tribute.

"He was born to run everything," quipped The Boss, who recalled his first meeting with Davis during an audition in 1972, when Springsteen was just 22.

"I can't wait to hear you," Davis said at the start of the meeting, Springsteen recalled.

After the audition, the executive simply said: "Welcome to Columbia Records."

"In those few words, he changed my life forever," Springsteen said.

Other music legends shared similar stories of Davis' uncanny ability to spot talent.

Warwick recalled initially resisting Davis' suggestion that she work with Manilow in the 1970s — a partnership that ultimately led to the iconic album "Dionne," which went platinum and earned two Grammy Awards.

Manilow recounted how Davis urged him to record the Scott English and Richard Kerr track "Brandy," and then helped transform it into the smash hit "Mandy."

"He believed in me from the very beginning," the legend said of Davis.

Davis was also responsible for breathing new life into the careers of established artists, including Aretha Franklin and Santana.

Hudson sang Leonard Cohen's hit song "Hallelujah" and then grew teary-eyed as she transitioned to Houston's "I Will Always Love You."

"We love you, Clive," she said, as the attendees jumped to their feet for a standing ovation.

Davis is survived by his four children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

‘It’s up to Tehran’

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS

Leaders’ tough choices on nuke

KEEPING SPIRITS UPS: A couple in Tehran flash the victory sign in front of a poster of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and Gen. Qassem Soleimani, who were both killed in airstrikes.

AP

Iran’s political leadership has “a chance to make tough decisions” during negotiations, a US official said Monday, as Islamist hardliners fume over the Washington-Tehran memorandum of understanding, with some calling for revenge “on American soil.”

US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff and presidential adviser Jared Kushner will head to Doha, Qatar, on Tuesday for another round of talks about Iran, where both sides are expected to discuss a final deal to end Iran’s nuclear program.

“Over the next 60 days, Iran’s leaders have a chance to make tough decisions that will ultimately benefit the Iranian people and bring them prosperity,” a US official told The Post. “That’s what’s on the table.”

‘We’re winning’

Witkoff and Kushner will meet with Qatari leaders facilitating peace talks with Iranian officials, as President Trump suggested the importance of the summit hinges on Tehran’s willingness to engage with mediators.

“The following day, technical teams from both the US and Iran will meet separately with mediators from Qatar and Pakistan,” a diplomat with knowledge of the talks told The Post.

Trump on Monday said the Doha meeting “is going to be perhaps important, perhaps not.”

“We’re going to find out, but we’re winning militarily,” he added, claiming earlier Monday that Iran had requested the talks in the mediator country.

The fragile MOU, threatened over the past several days with an exchange of strikes between the US and Iran near the Strait of Hormuz, has led to internal strife in Tehran.

Iranian hard-liners have clashed with Tehran’s negotiators over the US-Iran framework peace agreement, with some calling for continued war and jihad.

“The effort to avenge the Supreme Leader [Ali Khamenei’s death in a US airstrike] must take place on American soil itself,” Hussein Shariatmadari, the supreme leader’s representative at the influential Iranian state newspaper Kayhan, wrote Monday.

Hand-selected by Khamenei as editor-in-chief of Kayhan, Shariatmadari added that Iranian negotiators in any final deal should demand that Trump be extradited to Tehran to face justice.

“The first step in fulfilling the Leader’s demands in the negotiations is to insist on handing Trump over to the Islamic Republic for trial in Iran’s judicial authorities,” he said.

Religious duty

Sixty members of Iran’s 88-member Council of Experts, the body that selects the country’s supreme leader, raged in a rare public rebuke Saturday that anyone with “access” to Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has a religious duty to avenge Khamenei’s death.

The signatories also blasted reopening the Strait of Hormuz as a “strategic mistake,” arguing negotiators should have waited until they could force the US to pressure Israel into withdrawing from Lebanon.

White House spokeswoman Olivia Wales defended the MOU, calling it “an excellent, performance-based MOU that advances the interests of the United States.”

Trump pulled Israel off Hez

Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz blamed President Trump on Monday for stopping the Jewish state from eliminating all of Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Explaining to reporters that having a “partnership” with the US “has certain constraints,” Katz said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu “stood bravely” against Trump’s demands through four phone calls that Israel Defense Forces leave Lebanon.

“Iran constantly pressured the United States to pressure Israel, in order to stop this,” he said, according to a translated transcript of the briefing obtained by The Post. “At that time, we were attacking all of Lebanon, I remind you.”

“Hezbollah . . . in a panic, pressured Iran to connect the arenas,” he added, referring to the linkage of the Lebanon front to the US-Iran cease-fire.

Netanyahu ultimately agreed not to “take down buildings” in Beirut,” but pushed to continue “surgical attacks.”

“I’m sorry for that connection [of the cease-fire extending to Lebanon], but it was an American interest, that [Trump] really, really wanted to promote the possibility of negotiations with Iran, etc., and he saw this as an obstacle to it.”

That’s when the plan changed to contain IDF troops to southern Lebanon, where Israel and Lebanon agreed last week Israeli forces can remain until Hezbollah is defeated.

Caitlin Doornbos

Nation’s oil reserves at half of capacity: GAO

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve is at its lowest level since the 1980s after tens of millions of barrels of oil were drained from it in response to the conflicts in Ukraine and Iran, a government watchdog found.

Additionally, the nation’s emergency energy stockpile’s operational ability is at risk due to aging infrastructure, the Government Accountability Office said.

The GAO report, which was released Friday, had raised a number of red flags about the reserve, which has been tapped repeatedly in recent decades as gas prices have soared and Congress mandated sales to pay for billions of dollars in needed maintenance.

The reserve can store up to about 680 million barrels of oil. But, as of early June, it held less than 350 million barrels.

At least 180 million barrels were released due to the invasion of Ukraine and the mandatory sales.

And it may get even lower. More oil is being drained to ease domestic gas prices that spiked with the war with Iran.

In March, the Department of Energy announced plans to release an additional 172 million barrels after the flow of global oil was interrupted.

Additionally, there is no plan in place to replace the reserves or a method to identify where the oil and gas would come from to replenish the coffers.

*Emily Goodin
and Josh Christenson*

Madge is a handful

Madonna, 67, grabs your attention on the pages of the July issue of Vogue Italia. With her album "Confessions II" out Friday, the Queen of Pop tells the mag, "Algorithms and [AI] are the opposite of making art."

Rafael Pavarotti/Vogue Italia

Drone hits jet at JFK

A JetBlue Airlines pilot reported smashing into a drone at 3,000 feet before landing at John F. Kennedy Airport Monday morning, according to the airline, aviation officials and local reports.

The startling incident unfolded around 7:15 a.m. when the pilot reported a rogue drone struck above the jet's cockpit while the plane was making its final approach — just days after a United Airlines jet narrowly avoided colliding with an unmanned aircraft while landing at Newark International Airport.

"We collided with a drone back there in the turn as we were coming to ASALT, just wanted to pass to you," the JetBlue pilot told an air-traffic controller in audio obtained by WABC. ASALT is a specific waypoint used by a landing aircraft.

The pilot said no assistance was needed and the Airbus A321 — which took off from Las Vegas — landed safely.

Anna Young

Flight aborted after close call

An American Airlines plane bound for Bermuda was forced to abort its takeoff at Miami airport after another jet veered onto the same runway.

The two planes were just a third of a mile apart at one point Friday evening as air traffic controllers scrambled to avoid a collision.

The American Airlines plane, carrying 112 passengers, was rolling at around 60 mph when pilots hit the brakes after spotting "another aircraft on the runway," CNN reported. *Chris Bradford*

WORST SCREEN TIMING

More harm to tots

By ALLISON LAX

Step away from the screens, little ones.

Regardless of age, too much screen time can cause eye strain, dry eyes, headaches and poor sleep quality, not to mention increased stress and anxiety.

But the effects are even more pronounced for children — and require the utmost care to be adequately corrected.

A new study backed up by the World Health Organization and the American Academy of Pediatrics discovered that high screen time during specific developmental periods for children is connected with lessened academic performance later on, as well as weaker working memory.

Researchers from Inserm and the National University of Singapore found that the diminished effects were most apparent on children who had been exposed to excessive amounts of screen time during infancy and school-entry age, according to the study, which was published in the April issue of the World Journal of Pediatrics.

The effects of screens were most pronounced for those at the tender age of 1, according to the study, which followed 502 children from infancy to middle childhood.

"That suggests early infancy may be a window of heightened sensitivity, when the developing brain is particularly vulnerable to the displacement of learning interactions by screen time," one of the authors of the study shared.

The scientists were surprised to learn that screen use for 2- and 3-year-olds did not show significant links to this decreased performance — however, the correlations "re-emerged" at the age of 6, "when children reach formal schooling."

"So it is not just about early years — screen use later in childhood still matters," the author continued.

Under 2 = unplug

An additional study commissioned by the 1,001 Critical Days foundation — which was led by the interdisciplinary Action on Digital Device Immersive Conditions team (or iADDICT), composed of a group of four UK universities — also found that screen time for children under the age of 2 is connected with adverse effects on long-term health and quality of life, per The Guardian.

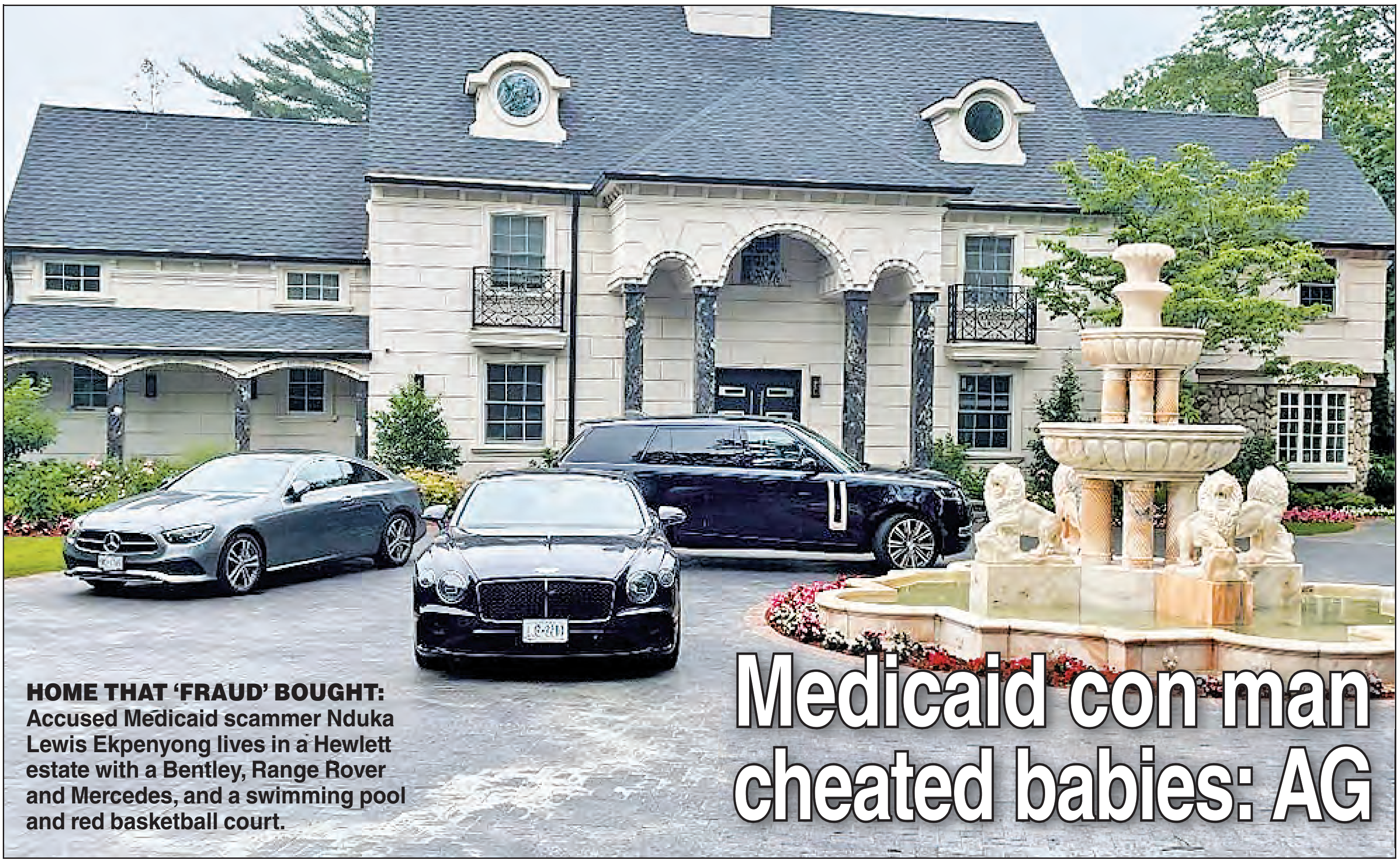
Rafe Clayton, a University of Leeds senior lecturer in media and communications who co-led the study, emphasized that the way parents treat screen time for their young children — and themselves — "has to change."

Parents are "inadvertently teaching children and babies to develop unhealthy habits and relationships with screen devices," he said.

The iADDICT study found screen time could potentially lead to overstimulation, trouble sleeping, poor eye health and even childhood obesity, but it did not find a definitive link between specific developmental conditions and screen use.

The researchers ultimately decreed: "No under-2s should receive regular intentional screen time."

‘PediaSure scam’



HOME THAT ‘FRAUD’ BOUGHT: Accused Medicaid scammer Nduka Lewis Ekpenyong lives in a Hewlett estate with a Bentley, Range Rover and Mercedes, and a swimming pool and red basketball court.

State Attorney General’s Office

Medicaid con man cheated babies: AG

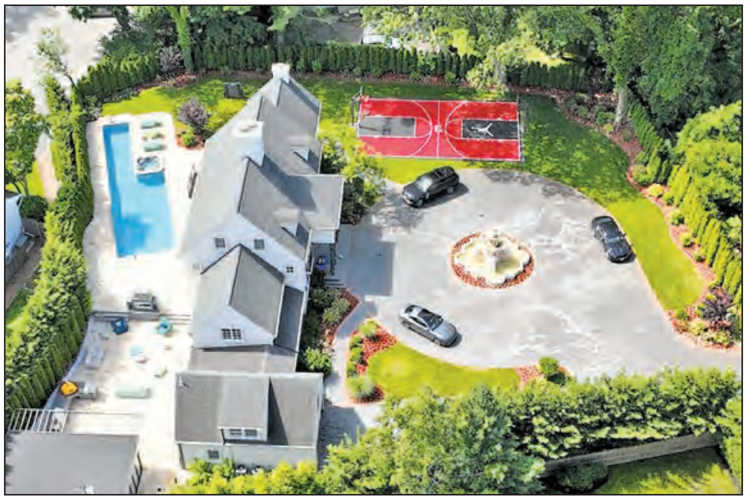
By VAUGHN GOLDEN

A con man bought a lavish mansion and Bentley thanks to a twisted Medicaid bait-and-switch scam that robbed undernourished infants of proper baby formula, officials said Monday.

Nduka Lewis Ekpenyong, 36, skimmed $2.6 million from the taxpayer-funded program by providing low-grade PediaSure to needy babies who had been prescribed more expensive special formulas they needed, according to state Attorney General Letitia James.

He then billed the government for the more expensive stuff, authorities said.

“While Nduka Ekpenyong was buying luxury cars with money he allegedly stole from our state’s Medicaid program, families affected by his fraud were struggling to feed their children,” James said in a press release. “My office has shut down this heartless fraud scheme for good.”



The suspect is charged with grand larceny and healthcare fraud and also faces a lawsuit in the case, allegedly used his ill-gotten fortune to purchase a $1.6 million mansion in pricey Hewlett, a $70,000 black Bentley, a $67,000 black Range Rover and other luxury splurges, James’ office said.

He bought upgrades for his mansion, such as an outdoor kitchen, marble fountain and garish red basketball court in his front yard with his own initial emblazoned in the middle, officials said.

The suspect is also accused of using the illegal funds on a $33,000 Mercedes for his live-in girlfriend, who was on Medicaid herself, authorities said.

Prosecutors are suing him for nearly $7.6 million, including the $2.6 million of bogus Medicaid bills.

The suspect, who is referred to as Lewis in both the criminal and civil cases, ran the scam out of his Brooklyn company, Duke Medical LLC, from April 2023 to July 2025, according to the suit filed in Brooklyn court Monday.

Doctors’ offices would order the pricey formula from him for their needy patients, but there were times his company failed to deliver any brand at all, the suit claims.

Wrong formula

When it did dispense formula, it was “in fact dispensing a very basic, over-the-counter product, namely PediaSure,” James’ office said.

“The OAG’s investigation found that Duke Medical’s fraudulent scheme prevented some families in need from getting the formula their children’s pediatricians had ordered, preventing them from receiving the care they needed,” she said.

“This case should send a strong message to anyone seeking to profit by exploiting Medicaid: we will use the full force of the law to bring you to justice.”

BRUCE BLAKEMAN
GOP’s governor nominee.

The high cost is divvied up on LI

Long Island voters in both parties are consumed by economic dread — but they can’t agree on which financial issues mean the most to them or who is to blame, a new Post poll shows.

While both sides agreed that the economy is far from thriving, 47% of Democrats named “affordability” as their top concern, while a majority of Republicans, 36%, deemed “taxes” as the main culprit squeezing their pockets, according to the survey conducted June 22 by Flashpoint Strategies and Convos.

“The cost of living is the single biggest concern in both parties — but Democrats and Republicans describe the same economic pressure in opposite words,” said the poll by the AI-powered texting platform, which polled 1,115 of Nassau and Suffolk counties’ likely voters.

On the flip side, only 5% of Democrats blamed taxes, whereas 21% of registered Republicans agreed that “affordability” is their top concern, according to the poll.

Still, when pushed to get specific, voters in both parties named the same villains as main drivers of their economic stress — groceries, gas, housing, healthcare, wages and inflation.

Gov. Hochul, meanwhile, led gubernatorial foe and Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman by 15 points, 53% to 38%, in the poll. *Brandon Cruz*

MANGIONE
Delayed 20 mins. at court.

Luigi in a stuck elevator

Luigi Mangione's wild ride through the justice system stalled out Monday when he got stuck in a Manhattan court elevator for 20 minutes, delaying a hearing in his federal case.

The 28-year-old accused killer of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson was in the lift with his escort of US Marshals, headed to the courtroom, when the contraption suddenly stopped, courthouse sources told The Post.

"It was some sort of elevator issue, that's all I know," Mangione's lawyer, Karen Friedman Agnifilo, said when asked about the snafu outside the courtroom.

After a brief delay, Mangione, clad in tan jail scrubs, eventually made it to the courtroom, where Judge Margaret Garnett pushed his federal trial back to January 2027 to allow time for a separate state case starting Sept. 8.

His federal trial had been supposed to start in October. *Ben Kochman*

Attack on newscast

A CBS News Chicago reporter and photographer were attacked Monday afternoon near the Adler Planetarium while preparing for a live report, according to the station and police.

Multiple men arrived in a truck before they allegedly rushed at the victims and shouted racial slurs at one of the journalists, according to police. One of the suspects smashed the camera, and another smashed the windshield of the news truck, the outlet reported.
Landon Mion, Fox News

Trapped in quake rubble for 32 hours

BABY KEPT MOM ALIVE

JOY: Gerson Patino cried when his wife, Dayana, and 18-day-old son, Juan David, were freed from the earthquake rubble. Below, the reunited family at the hospital.

By RONNY REYES

A mother who was pulled from the rubble of her Venezuelan home recounted how she stayed alive for 32 hours to ensure her 18-day-old baby would survive following the devastating earthquake.

Dayana Patino and her newborn, Juan David, were inside their La Guaira apartment building, on the eighth floor, when the earthquake hit on Wednesday night and caused their home to collapse.

"I felt like I was flying," Patino told the BBC. "After that, I felt like I was sinking in water and dirt, and then I fell into the pit where I remained.

"I don't know how I didn't let go of my baby because I was flying. I got crushed against furniture," she added.

Patino said her leg was trapped under concrete and her temple pressed against a rock, leaving her immobile with her infant around her.

Despite the pain and shock, Patino said she had to keep herself awake for her baby, describing his cries as her "motivation to be awake and alert."

Reserved her voice

"As long as he was alive, I was going to be alive. Every now and then, I was touching his nose for proof that he was still breathing," she said.

The desperate mother said she reserved her voice for when she could hear someone near them, and after hours beneath the rubble, with only a small crack letting in the moonlight, she eventually heard her brother calling for her.

"From the top of my lungs, I cried out . . . I screamed, 'Here I am' with all my might, and he said, 'I found you, and I promise you that I won't leave until I get you out,'" Patino recalled.

A rescue team eventually arrived and pulled Patino and her baby out of the rubble, with video of the scene showing her husband, Gerson, tearing up as he embraced his son after thinking both he and his wife had perished.

BBC

"I thought they were dead. And when I saw my son, I felt like I was born again," Gerson told the BBC.

The mother and son were rushed to a hospital in Caracas, where Patino is recovering from injuries to both her legs. Miraculously, Juan suffered only minor injuries.

Patino and her son spent a total of 32 hours in the rubble, The Guardian reported.

Grim search for clues in sewer under home

Investigators are scouring the sewers beneath a decrepit Philadelphia house of horrors linked to at least two missing women for possible evidence of DNA and chemicals used to dissolve bodies, according to sources. The underground search comes as the FBI and local police are probing felon Eugene Horsch's alleged connection to the two missing women after discovering a stockpile of dangerous chemicals, firearms and drugs inside his dilapidated three-story Olney home.

Among the twisted items found in the residence, cops uncovered a "strange setup" involving at least one 55-gallon drum connected to a water line, according to Frank Vanore, the Philadelphia Police Deputy Commissioner of Investigations.

The bizarre rig prompted investigators to bring in the local water department on Monday to help search the sewers below the home.

Crews have begun searching for possible traces of DNA, chemicals used to dissolve bodies or evidence of a drug lab, sources added. *Joe Marino and Reuven Fenton*

Wedding pros hint Tay married

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AMID mysterious preparations and rumors of multiple celebrations, top wedding vendors' posts have sparked speculation that **Taylor Swift** and **Travis Kelce** are already married.

There's been endless scuttlebutt that the couple secretly tied the knot before their reported big day at Madison Square Garden this weekend. And over the past few days, a Who's Who of celebrity wedding vendors wrote breathless, cryptic posts about working on a once-in-a-career event.

Wedding designer **Rishi Patel** — who had been rumored to be working on Swift and Kelce's wedding — posted an emotional Instagram message late Sunday that hinted at a major event.

"Today, I asked 23 of my colleagues if, when they started in the event industry (span of 7 to 45 years), that they would have ever dreamed or imagined they would be part of what we created today . . . Unanimously the answer was no," he wrote. "That, in itself, means more than I can ever explain."

"I can't wait to share what we created," he added. "But for now, I'm just eternally grateful for those who mean more to me than I could ever explain."

A source commented to Page Six, "Rishi's so high level and works with huge clients all the time, so for this to be such a huge deal [to him] . . . It's all so Taylor coded."

Samantha Roberts, who owns a social media agency known for its "strategic orchestration of wedding release rollouts, creating digital moments that ripple across the Internet," also posted excitedly about working on the same event. "Tonight was a career highlight," she wrote. "I dreamed that one day I'd work events like the one I did tonight." She tagged celebrity wedding planning guru **Marcy Blum** and photographer **Allan Zepeda**.

But Blum tells us the bash was not for America's royal couple, but rather "a fabulous summer party for my favorite client."

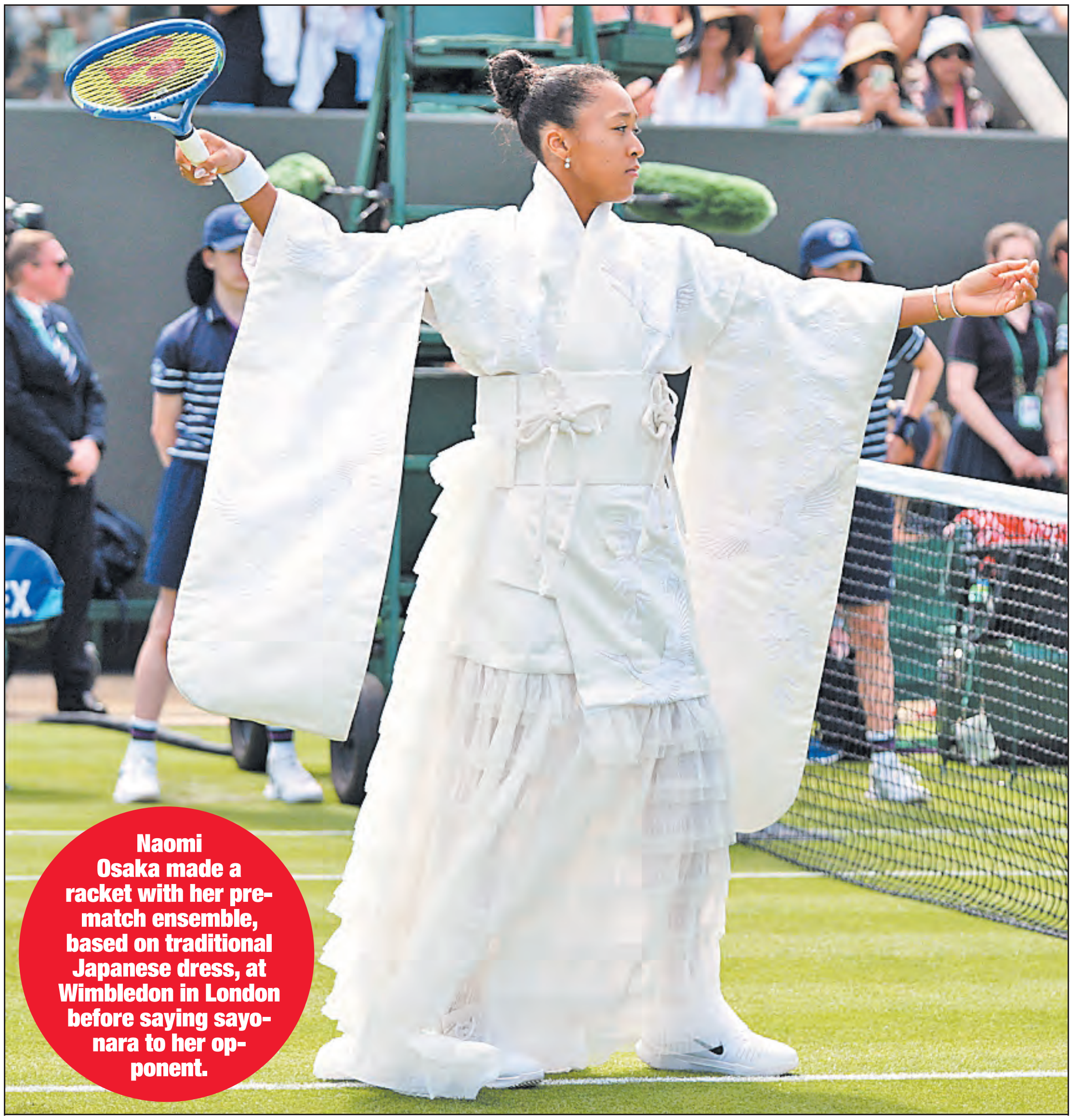
Reps for Swift and Kelce did not respond to requests for comment.

Kahn'd goods

IT was a quinceañera of sorts! The Rodder gallery put on an exhibition to celebrate the first 15 years of artist **Wyatt Kahn**'s career, and after the opening it hosted a bash at Orsay on the Upper East Side. Oysters and mini burgers were served to guests including **Jane Panetta**, **Katherine Brinson**, **Dan Palmer**, **Roselee Goldberg**, **Ralph Fitzgerald**, **Liam Gillick**, **Rachel Tashjian** and **Laura Stoloff**. The retrospective features Kahn's works on paper. "It feels very special to have put this show together with Wyatt, a New York artist that is so well known for his paintings and sculptures but whose works on paper not everyone is yet familiar with," said gallerist **Felix Rödder**.

Ready for action

ANGELINA Jolie revealed she hasn't dated anyone since her split from **Brad Pitt** in 2016. Promoting her film "Couture," the actress (above) told Yahoo that playing a mother who starts a romance made her realize you can date while raising kids. "To be candid, I haven't dated since I divorced a decade ago," said Jolie, 51. "So I kind of get in my head that that aspect of me is not centered in my life if I'm focusing on my children." She said her young-adult daughters are encouraging her "to not just be Mom." "I think in some way they're bringing me back to my old self," she said.



Naomi Osaka made a racket with her pre-match ensemble, based on traditional Japanese dress, at Wimbledon in London before saying sayonara to her opponent.

Maja Smiejkowska/AP Photo

Forget what you herd: 'Cowboys' do good

TALK about Wilde horses! **Olivia Wilde** says she was nearly killed in a horse stampede on set — before **Walton Goggins** saved her. Wilde said on the "Armchair Expert" podcast that for a scene in the 2011 film "Cowboys & Aliens," she and her castmates were "galloping like full sprint across the desert with like 40 horses behind us. We got to a part where I could see ahead of us that there was a large ditch. This horse jumps and bucks me off in the craziest way, and I fell off." Wilde said, "I was on the other side of this lip of dirt . . . The 40 horses behind me couldn't see me. And there was a lot of dust. I remember my ear to the ground, and I could hear it, and it sounded like thunder." She recalled thinking her death would be "quick." "I was waiting for it to happen. And then Walt Goggins had seen it ahead of him and in a split second thought to turn his horse sideways right in front of me and let everyone kind of bash into him," she said. Wilde concluded, "I owe him my life. It's crazy. He's a real-life hero." Thank Gog!

Bum Wap for Fet

FETTY Wap was not in a dispute about money with Montauk hot spot the Surf Lodge — he was just late. Over the weekend, gossip account Deuxmoi posted an unverified tip claiming that the rapper was "refusing to come out of his sprinter van" to perform at the lakeside venue, with the source alleging, "Apparently it's a money thing." We hear that Fetty was not in the sprinter van, but that he took a seaplane out East. "He was mid-air and arrived late," said a source. While the "Trap Queen" singer did perform after he arrived, a source tells us that some guests who had to leave due to dinner reservations and other plans were given refunds.

Royal abdication

JAIME King's estranged husband, **Austin Sosa**, filed court documents to accelerate their divorce. According to docs, the investor filed a "declaration for default or uncontested dissolution" to finalize their divorce without a trial. In the new filing, Sosa waived his right to spousal support and said he and the "White Chicks" actress (above), who were married seven months before separating in November, have no assets to divide. Reps didn't get back to us. In January, Sosa filed for divorce after King was seen getting cozy with hotelier **Vikram Chatwal**. King denied anything romantic between the two and said she was "completely blindsided" by Sosa's divorce.

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Criminally good plot

HOLLYWOOD insider **Cliff Dorfman** spent years writing "Entourage" for HBO and co-writing the film "Warrior." Now, Dorfman, who was born and raised in New York, has written his first novel, "Crime Family," which comes out this summer. His story centers on Chase, who was adopted into a family with roots in organized crime and, as an adult, seeks to separate himself from his past. He moves to Hollywood, but when the feds go looking for him, he's pulled back into the drama of his childhood. "Crime Family" (Post Hill Press/Simon & Schuster, July 21) also includes a money-laundering operation in which accomplices convert illicit dough into luxury assets such as Birkin bags to camouflage the movement of cash. Dorfman's friend **Bret Easton Ellis** calls the plot "a hypnotic act of reckoning."

It girls in the 'House'

MARY-KATE and **Ashley Olsen** were the chicest in all black during a rare public appearance at their older brother **Trent**'s wedding. The twins, 40, popped up in an Instagram post Thursday shared by Trent and his wife, **Alexis**. The couple posted a family pic of their nuptials, which took place last month. Also in the pic were Ashley's husband, artist **Louis Eisner**, and the "Full House" alums' younger siblings: **Elizabeth**, with husband **Robbie Arnett**, and half-siblings **Courtney** and **Jake**.

T.JACKSON /BACKGRID

Survivor **Cillian Murphy**'s ready to hunt monsters in the next "A Quiet Place" in lower Manhattan.

Cut the cameras

IT was the day of reckoning for director **Carl Rinsch**. US District Judge **Jed Rakoff** of the Southern District of New York sentenced Rinsch to 2 ½ years in prison yesterday after he was found guilty last December of wire fraud and money laundering. A federal jury in Manhattan found Rinsch guilty of taking $11 million in production funds from Netflix that was originally meant for a sci-fi series called "White Horse," which he had sold to the streamer. It paid him for the show between 2018 and 2020.

It was determined that Rinsch diverted those funds into a personal account, which he then spent on crypto trading, several Rolls-Royces, a Ferrari, luxury watches, clothes, furniture and antiques. Rinsch never delivered a completed show, nor did he return the money to Netflix. **Keanu Reeves**, who worked with Rinsch on "47 Ronin," wrote a letter of support ahead of the director's sentencing, saying, "I hope you are able to find leniency for this man."

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Did someone alert airport security? Sketchy-looking **Jacob Elordi** and **Kendall Jenner** fail to sneak through Brisbane Airport in disguises.

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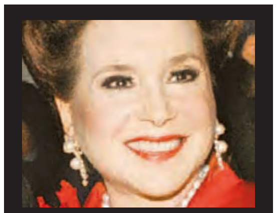


Cindy Adams

BILL Diehl, formerly on ABC Radio, sent me "See," a 1953 magazine he discovered. Besides the cover, it's two pages about me. I'll reprint one paragraph. Goes good with warm potato salad.

My husband Joey was big in the American Guild of Variety Artists, a similar organization here to Ronald Reagan's Screen Actors Guild out West.

Our honeymoon was three months. Joey: "My agent came to see us off. He wants 10% of our wedding gifts."

In London, he said: "All countries should drive on the left. You could knock off more communists that way." In Paris: I shopped at Pierre Balmain and was halfway to Italy while he was still at Balmain bargaining. Rome: Feeling safe among the ruins he was happy there. Israel? A sheikh with 40 wives was shopping for another. When the sheikh said price was no object, I'm sure I saw Joey waver.

OK. So, it's now summer. When all good wives go to the country and all good husbands go to their girlfriends.

One blond summer stock ingenue had five roles and seven affairs. Lousy actress but definitely the happiest. Forget becoming Sarah Bernhardt. Or even Piper Laurie. You wallpaper, scrub dressing rooms and build furniture. By September you can get work immediately. As a cabinet maker.

Summer theater was once in buildings. Now barns, haylofts, mud holes. Hogs graze within a pig's knuckle of the stage. If the audience mumbles "stinks," they're right. Try smelling "Hamlet" in the round in Arkansas.

Occasionally a producer stumbles into a summer theater. The star thinks it's her chance. Actually her figure's her chance. Her ability was having starred in a Kentucky version of "Rain." I mean, please. She wasn't even a drizzle.

Finding art on the bubble

JEFF Koons: "I worked with inflatables back in the '70s. I like inflatables because I think of us as humans and our balloon-like quality. We take a breath. That's life's energy. And our last breath is a symbol of death. I wanted my [next] something to be mythical. Like a Trojan horse. I wanted something archetypal related to our biology."

Yeah, OK, so. Next perhaps they'll be in the newly juiced up Saks Fifth — like alongside a bottle of Miss Dior toilet water, we'll get a Trojan balloon horse that reeks of spruce. You can charge it.

Jeff Koons thinks of his balloon dog art work as Trojan horses.

Rasid Necati Aslim/Anadolu/Getty Images

Middle way

ONTO other things. Like liberals wanting to fight. Wanting thousands of bodies in the sand over there. "Let's go get them" replaces "give peace a chance."

Israel also wants military action. Americans are confused. Iran executes dissenters. The situation changes hourly. The regime increased its army, began economic warfare, disrupted the Hormuz oil flow. Prices rose.

Iran's last full nuclear assessment was soon after **Donald**'s first inauguration. He believes the mullahs are close to a nuclear weapon, and the mullahs refuse to allow access.

America's pols use Iran's nuclear ambitions to gain power. Iran could allow inspections but won't. More turbulence lies ahead.

Balkan up

COMMENT from Dame **Karen Pierce**, former Brit ambassador to the USA: "Russians don't need to send troops into the Balkans. They can dial up their levers through organized criminals. They want to disrupt the peace mostly because of it being a Western success."

HAVE a happy, patriotic July Fourth. Be grateful for God having given us this flag. This land. This nation. Sing God Bless Us praises to our United States of America. Where else you want to be? Venezuela? Syria? Ukraine? If you have a few minutes, we could run you over to downtown Congo. Or warm, friendly Sahara.

Do *not* burn the burgers, keep ants off the coleslaw, explain why the cubes have melted in the iced tea, sweep the sand off the beach blanket, try to help your aged Aunt Henrietta to the john four blocks away, see why your cellphone doesn't work, thanks for reading this far, now drive safely and let's talk again after July 4.

Happy Fourth of July.

With time off from shooting the latest season of "The White Lotus," Heather Graham relaxes at the beach on the French Riviera — looking fantastic at 56 years of age in a sexy white bikini and oversized sunglasses.

Heather's 'White' hot

heathergraham/Instagram

Missing Fla. lapdog found on LI

A Florida family's beloved pooch was found after going missing for two months — over a thousand miles away on Long Island.

The Josey family was reunited with their Shih Zhu, 13-year-old Apollo, after the runaway dog was discovered under a different name at a New York animal shelter.

The errant pup disappeared back in April when he slipped through a gate on the family's property and was whisked away by a motorist who saw the pet on the side of the road, but couldn't locate his owner, the family told Fox 35 Orlando.

Despite the pet's nearly two-month disappearance, the Josey family never doubted that he'd return safely to their home, buying food and toys for him.

Though the Joseys are still unsure what odyssey brought Apollo to New York, they said that the search ended after they were contacted by a pet shelter on the Island.

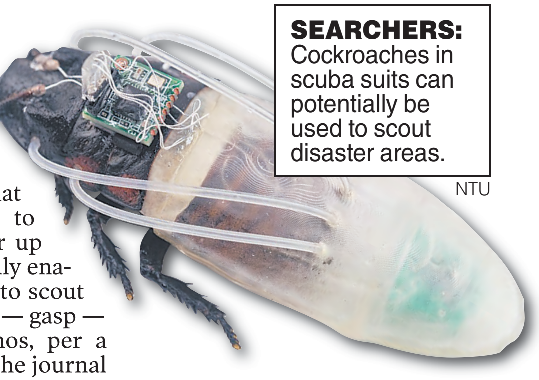
The prodigal pup is now back with his family in Ocala.

David DeTurris

ROACHES TO THE RESCUE

Scuba suits for bugs

By BEN COST



SEARCHERS: Cockroaches in scuba suits can potentially be used to scout disaster areas.

NTU

As if roaches weren't hard enough to kill already.

Scientists in Asia have devised 3D-printed scuba suits that allow cockroaches to breathe underwater for up to three hours, potentially enabling these water bugs to scout disaster areas and even — gasp — venture into the cosmos, per a skin-crawling study in the journal Nature Communications.

"Our new insect diving suit works like the oxygen tank used by human divers," said the study's lead author, professor Hirotaka Sato from NTU Singapore's School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, SMBTech reported.

Used for exploration

Sato and his team had previously demonstrated that Madagascar hissing cockroaches could be remotely piloted by installing electrodes in their sensory organs, according to New Scientist. This level of control was so precise that they could make swarms of the robo-roaches coordinate, paving the way toward their ultimate goal of creating organic rescue "drones" that could scour disaster zones for survivors.

The one downside to these cybernetically enhanced superbugs? The subjects didn't fare well in water, hindering their ability to navigate flooded areas.

To circumvent this limitation, the scientists outfitted the cyborg bug with a 3D printed, watertight resin suit that generates oxygen and provides it to the critters' spiracles — breathing holes — allowing them to operate both aquatically and on land.

Instead of outfitting the roaches with a human-style oxygen tank, the researchers supplied the suit with a cocktail of hydrogen peroxide and manganese dioxide that reacts to form absorbable O_2.

Armed with the aquatic exoskeleton, cockroaches were able to excel during the amphibious rescue tests, which were conducted in plastic tubes that simulated flooded tunnels and other low-oxygen environments.

The hardy insects could scuttle for up to three hours at a time while nearly a foot underwater sans suffering any adverse effects. They also attained speeds of up to 78.4 millimeters per second — just 10 millimeters slower than their average terrestrial velocity.

In other words, roaches can now survive a diving expedition in addition to a nuclear apocalypse.

Sato sees these suits as important "because real disaster sites can be challenging after heavy rain or flooding, blocking access routes in the rubble, drains and narrow gaps."

On the search

"By expanding the operating parameters of our cyborg insects to include underwater travel, we believe that they can enhance search and rescue efforts," he said.

And water's not the limit for these tiny pantry pillagers, per Sato, who eventually wants to send them to where few roaches have gone before.

"The ultimate goal is to [take this technology to] space," he declared.

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ROLLIN': Gene Simmons, in concert in 2012 and recently (below), says that America embraced him.

KISS star's work & play

American Dreamers

Through July 4, The Post, in conjunction with the Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream, is featuring US citizens explaining what the American dream means to them in 2026 — including Gene Simmons, bassist and founding member of the seminal rock band KISS.

MY mother was 14 years of age when our entire family, including my mother, were in concentration camps. Nazi Germany. And my mother saw her whole family wiped out.

I was born in Israel. When I was 8½ years of age, we came to America. People were big! And everybody had automobiles.

Everybody had their own refrigerators stocked with food, different brands.

Then my mom took me to my first supermarket, and it was a city of food. You hear about the land of plenty, but I couldn't ever imagine anything like that.

And to think, I couldn't speak a word of English.

Delivered papers

By the time I was in sixth grade, I started my first gigs delivering newspapers.

And I noticed that the guy that had the next newspaper route a few blocks over was kind of lazy.

So I said, "I'll do your newspaper route. I'll give you half of what you normally would do."

And that way I could make one and a half times as much as I normally would.

I didn't mind working. I like money and the way to get to the money is by hard work.

And I remember the look on my mother's face when I'd come in at the end of the week and put the money on the table.

"That's my little man," she would say.

When KISS was forming, I thought, don't put all your eggs in one basket.

Don't just try to form a band, have a day gig. By the time I was 23, I was able to save up $23,000, which in those days was a lot of money. And that funded the beginning of the band. And the band took off. Within a year and a half of founding, KISS was playing stadiums.

America embraced me as if I were here for generations.

The American dream, you can't stop it. The light that lights this darkness, that was invented here. You want to fly through the air? That was invented here. Almost anything you can imagine was invented here to make people's lives better.

The American Dream Video Project showcases real stories that illuminate pathways to opportunity. Featured at the Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream (MCAAD), this series is part of the Center's celebration of America's 250th anniversary. For more information, visit mcaad.org.

Charges in ‘preg pal beat’

Two brutes surrendered in the Upper West Side beatdown of an elderly man defending a pregnant woman on an MTA bus after kin told them to do the right thing — and a judge then freed them, authorities and sources said Monday.

The two were charged with felony assault, their first arrest, before being granted supervised release Friday by Judge Jeffrey Gershuny — over prosecutors’ request for $150,000 bail or $300,000 bond, the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office said.

It was not immediately clear why the suspects, Jaiden Marrero, 24, and Donzell Mitchell, 19, were released without bail.

The Bronx men surrendered Thursday — thanks to one of their relatives who spotted them on a “Wanted” flyer and told them to turn themselves in — nearly three weeks after the June 5 beating and stabbing of Robert Hunter, 73, according to authorities.

Hunter previously told The Post he felt compelled to say something on the evening-rush-hour M104 bus to help the pregnant woman when he spotted one of the assailants “squeezing by” her and “hitting the lady’s stomach.

Amanda Woods

Antarctic dino bone

Scientists stumbled upon the first dinosaur bone ever found in Antarctica, decades after it had been tucked away in a drawer.

The bone, which comes from the tail of a titanosaur, was discovered in 1985 during an expedition to Antarctica’s James Ross Island led by geologist Mike Thomson.

The bone was then shoved into a drawer in the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge, the BBC reported.

Decades later, paleontologist Mark Evans rediscovered the bone, with scientists confirming that it belongs to a long-necked, plant-eating titanosaur.

Zoe Hussain with Wires

Old Coast Guard tower welcomes guests

A RENTAL WAY OUT AT SEA

By MARY K. JACOB

Room service is only a helicopter away.

Adventurous vacationers are shelling out thousands of dollars to be ferried deep into the Atlantic Ocean and left stranded on a rusting steel tower 80 feet above shark-infested waters, in what has been dubbed the world’s most dangerous hotel.

A TikTok video posted by charter-boat captain Austin Aycock showing him depositing six tourists at the Frying Pan Tower off the North Carolina coast has racked up 2.2 million views, with commenters torn between terror and fascination.

“See you in a couple days!” Aycock cheerfully called out as he pulled away, leaving the group marooned on the decommissioned Coast Guard light station that rises 135 feet above the Atlantic swells.

The clip prompted one viewer to note that the farewell was “literally like a line out of a horror movie.”

The tower, built in 1964 and located about 34 miles offshore in a stretch of coastline historically known as the Graveyard of the Atlantic, has been repurposed as one of the most offbeat accommodation experiences in the US.

Stays run roughly $200 per person per night with a three-night minimum.

However, Aycock confirmed in the comments that one group managed to last considerably longer than a weekend getaway.

“The longest I’ve had a group stay out there was two weeks!” he wrote.

Getting there is half the adventure.

Guests are hoisted up to the main deck via a high-speed lift that hauls them 80 feet into the air in under a minute. Below, the waters teem with great white, bull and tiger sharks.

The tower sits squarely in hurricane alley, where storms routinely batter the structure with winds exceeding 100 mph. In a medical emergency, help is a helicopter ride or a 35-mile boat trip away.

The tower accommodates up to 12 guests across eight bedrooms, with amenities that include a fully equipped stainless steel kitchen, washer and dryer, hot showers and high-speed internet powered by solar energy.

Stuff to do

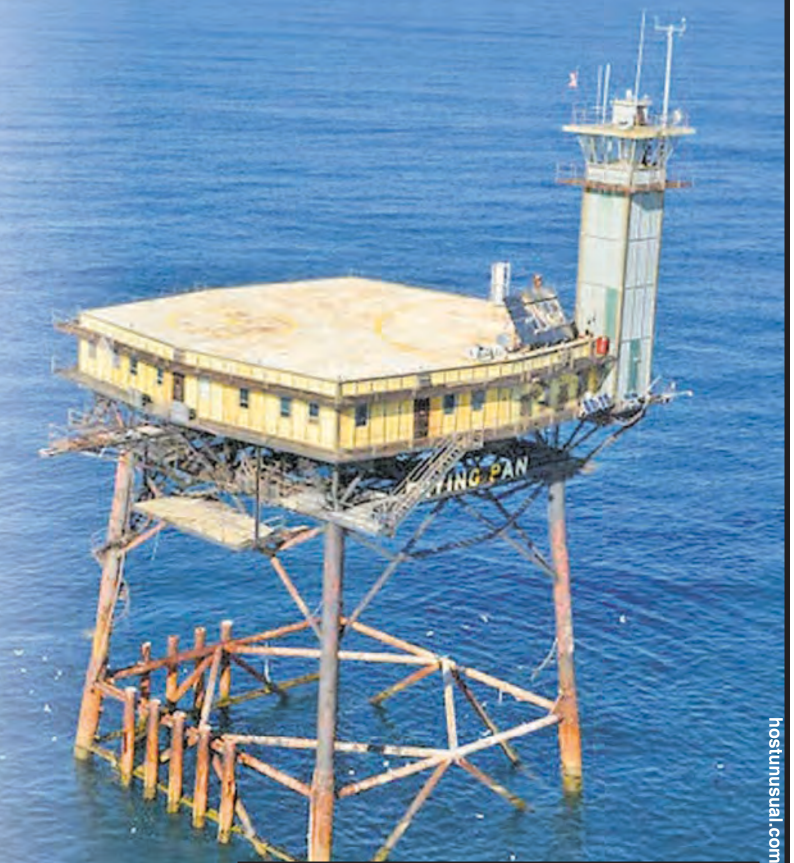
Freshwater comes via a reverse osmosis filtration system.

Activities range from fishing and snorkeling over a protected reef below the structure to skeet shooting with biodegradable clay targets and teeing off biodegradable golf balls made from fish food.

Despite the creature comforts, the comments section of Aycock’s viral post reflected widespread disbelief that anyone would voluntarily make the trip.

“You couldn’t pay me enough to stay over an ocean on sticks,” one viewer wrote. Another declared it would be “the easiest ‘No’ of my life.”

Others saw the upside. “The zombies cant get you way out there,” wrote one commenter, to which Aycock replied, “Zombie free!”



NEW HEIGHTS: This former Coast Guard light station 34 miles off the North Carolina coast has eight bedrooms (top left) and a high-speed lift (top right) to bring guests aboard.

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JUST DYING

By HEATHER STEIN

They aren't chasing selfies. They're chasing forever.

For most, a celebrity obsession entails rewatching movies they starred in or repeatedly buying pricey concert tickets to see them live. For Anthony Jabin, 62, it means spending eternity next door to where they're buried.

In 2024, the tech investor took his lifelong fascination with Marilyn Monroe to an extreme when he shelled out $195,000 for a one-space mausoleum crypt near the bombshell's final resting place at Pierce Brothers Westwood Village Memorial Park in Los Angeles.

Not a family plot. Not a place for future generations. Just one spot for him, bought at Julien's Auctions, next to his leading lady.

"I bought the crypt next to Marilyn Monroe because it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend eternity with the most iconic actress of all time — and she's definitely my favorite blonde!" Jabin enthusiastically told The Post.

The tech investor, whose future space sits one row above and four spaces to the left of Monroe's, revealed that he sends the late Hollywood starlet "flowers on her birthday every year."

Jabin's love for the famous dead isn't as unusual as it might sound, considering he's one of many paying upwards of six figures to secure burial spots near beloved movie stars, music legends, cultural icons and even political figures.

LA-based Hollywood Forever Cemetery — final resting place of everyone from Cecil B. DeMille to Pee-wee Herman to Rudolph Valentino — sees this celeb fascination firsthand.

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1926 – 1962
MARILYN MONROE
1926 – 1962
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Creepy or tribute?

Yogu Kanthiah, co-owner of Hollywood Forever, which hosts concerts, movie screenings, yoga classes and tours, told The Post that many families specifically seek out celeb proximity.

"Over the years, many families have told us that being near a celebrity is meaningful because it creates a sense of connection to Hollywood history and culture," he said.

At the cemetery's prestigious Garden of Legends, burial property starts at around $200,000 and can exceed $6 million for custom mausoleums.

Noelle Berman, director of Private Estates at Hollywood Forever, told The Post that requests for celebrity-adjacent property happen "all the time."

"We take a golf-cart tour. We see Neil Sedaka, Johnny Ramone or another star, and the client says, 'I want a plot near them,' " Berman said.

The demand is so intense that buyers frequently reserve their spaces years before they will need them.

"Seventy percent of our sales are in advance," Berman explained. "People prearrange at Hollywood Forever because they want a certain spot. Once it's sold, it's sold."

Inside Hollywood Forever's Judy Garland Pavilion, niches start at about $8,800, depending on proximity to Dorothy herself.

For Geoffrey Dicker, the closer he was to Garland, the better.

The artist recently purchased a glass-front niche — a small compartment that holds an urn — just steps from Garland's resting place.

"The niche cost more than $50,000. It's like the size of a big shoebox," Dicker, 49, told The Post.

"There is almost no iconic figure bigger than Judy Garland," Dicker said. "When you think of Hollywood, you think of Judy Garland. When you think of movies, you think of Judy Garland."

Dicker's connection to Garland is deeply personal.

"Before I understood what it meant to be gay, I watched Garland play Dorothy in 'The Wizard of Oz,' " said Dicker. " 'The Wizard of Oz' was always that fantasy land that you could escape to," he said. "If you're gonna go big, you can't get any bigger than that."

Berman told The Post that many older LGBTQ+ clients specifically seek spaces near Garland, as the phrase "friend of Dorothy" became a coded way for members of this community to identify one another during decades when being openly gay could be dangerous. "Clients who lived before Stonewall and just can't believe they are allowed to be openly gay and married to their partner are thrilled that they can be buried near Judy Garland," she said.

However, Dicker is not waiting until death to occupy his niche. He has already filled it with miniature artwork beneath a display called "Geoffrey Dicker Is Alive."

He knows critics may accuse him of self-promotion.

"I assumed because it's a high-traffic area, there would be haters, so I have a Judy tie-in so that people don't think that I'm just some

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IT'S THE FINAL RESTING PLACE TO BE: Michael Toonkel, 85 and Marian Pardo, 79, (left) have plots at Woodlawn Cemetery in The Bronx to be close to jazz legends Miles Davis and Duke Ellington and singer Celia Cruz. Another Big Apple cemetery for visits and plots in is Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, the final resting place of conductor Leonard Bernstein and artist Jean-Michel Basquiat.

Fans buy cemetery plots near the famous

JUDY GARLAND
JUNE 10, 1922 — JUNE 22, 196

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DUST TO STARDUST: Anthony Jabin (left) spent $195,000 for a mausoleum crypt near Marilyn Monroe at Westwood Village Memorial Park in LA, and Geoffrey Dicker (right) has a small compartment for an urn to be near LGBTQ+ icon Judy Garland at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery.

self-promoting jerk," Dicker said.

He created a miniature tribute featuring Dorothy and the Wicked Witch standing together beside the word "Love."

"My point is that future generations can see that good and evil still can stand side by side and appreciate love," said Dicker.

At Woodlawn Cemetery in The Bronx, burial buyers have specifically sought plots near the graves of Duke Ellington, Miles Davis, Celia Cruz and other cultural icons.

Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn — final home to Leonard Bernstein, Jean-Michel Basquiat and Louis Comfort Tiffany — has also become both a tourist destination and a coveted burial ground.

Woodlawn understood the power of famous residents at its founding and believed a celebrity burial would bring in buyers.

Their first was Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, the Civil War naval commander associated with "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead." After he was buried there in 1870, visitors came to picnic and see his grave, which resulted in a major boost in sales, Meg Ventrudo, executive director of the Woodlawn Conservancy, told The Post.

More than a century later, the attraction remains.

Duke Ellington purchased his own Woodlawn plot in 1959, years before his death. When Miles Davis was buried nearby in 1991, a trend emerged.

Jazz legends increasingly wanted to be close to jazz royalty. Today, the area includes Lionel Hampton, Max Roach, Illinois Jacquet and other musical giants.

For Marian Pardo, 79, and her husband, Michael Toonkel, 85, the appeal was impossible to resist.

The longtime Manhattan professionals purchased plots for an unspecified amount at Woodlawn in 2025, specifically because of its proximity to Jazz Corner.

Lisa Ackerman, a senior advisor at Woodlawn, told The Post that a plot near Jazz Corner "would likely be around the $76,995."

"My husband and I don't always agree about a lot of stuff," Pardo told The Post. "But we always agreed about how much we liked jazz."

The couple spent years attending performances at Jazz at Lincoln Center and saw something joyful in the idea of eventually resting among the giants of American music. "I like a resting place where people will come," Pardo said. "It was the allure of the jazz section.

"There's an old joke about visiting cemeteries and the woman who was cremated and wanted her ashes spread at Bloomingdale's because that way she knew her daughter would come and see her once a week," Pardo said with a laugh. "You know, I want to be someplace where people want to be!"

'Raise their status'

Bill Villanova, president of Frank E. Campbell Funeral Chapel, told The Post that fascination with celebrity burial locations is hardly surprising.

"When the public reads the list of individuals who have had services at Frank E. Campbell, there is often immediate interest about where they are interred," Villanova said.

Gene Newman, education director at personal-data company Everplans, told The Post that the phenomenon is far older than Hollywood. For centuries, people paid premiums to be buried near saints, royalty, military heroes and religious relics.

Today's celebrity graves are simply the modern version.

"Burial choices express how people want to be remembered," Newman said. "In some countries, a well-attended funeral signifies a great life. This is why people hire strippers in China to increase attendance.

"Some feel being near a famous figure can raise their status. For others, it offers a personal connection to someone they admired and never had the opportunity to meet. In a sense, it's a form of immortality without becoming a vampire," Newman said.

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FRAUDSTER GETS 30 YRS.

By KEVIN SHEEHAN
and BEN KOCHMAN

A slick Chinese fraudster's "stunning" $1.3 billion scam to fund his lavish Big Apple lifestyle landed him 30 years in prison Monday — but that didn't stop hundreds of his fans from still flocking to court.

MILES GUO
Ran $1.3 billion fraud.

Miles Guo, 57, would peddle an anti-communist China shtick to woo sympathetic investors to invest in his schemes — which bought him goodies such as a $37 million yacht, $26 million New Jersey mansion, a luxe apartment overlooking Central Park and bizarre splurges including two $36,000 mattresses, authorities said.

"Mr. Guo intended to deceive his victims and take their money for his own financial gain," Manhattan federal Judge Analisa Torres said at the convicted grifter's sentencing.

Guo was ordered to forfeit a whopping $889 million of his ill-gotten gains as well as spend three decades behind bars.

The fraudster meanwhile maintained his loyal following throughout, with more than 250 of his supporters packing the courtroom and two overflow rooms at the courthouse to hear his fate.

But more than 600 of his victims also wrote to the court in advance of his sentencing to describe how the scammer lured them into making "investments" that vanished.

"This fraud destroyed my life and my family," victim Wei Chen said at Monday's hearing.

Sham ventures

Chen testified at Guo's July 2024 trial that she is around $1 million in debt because of Guo luring her into investing in various sham media and cryptocurrency ventures.

Torres slammed the "stunning breadth of Mr. Guo's fraudulent schemes" before announcing his sentence.

Guo has shown "no remorse for the harm he has caused for so many people," the judge added.

A federal jury convicted Guo of racketeering conspiracy, fraud raps and money laundering after the feds charged him with bilking thousands of supporters over a five-year span.

Guo had amassed a large online following after starting two nonprofits in 2018 that pushed his purported agenda of being critical of the Chinese Communist Party, prosecutors said.

But "Miles Guo did . . . not lead a movement he led a criminal enterprise, strengthened through violence, through threats, through fear," prosecutor Ryan Finkel told the court Monday.

Wearing a tan jail outfit and gesticulating wildly, Guo addressed the court with a rambling statement Monday afternoon after his sentencing was delayed for hours.

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Rats! Woken by rodents 'on face'

A Chicago tenant said he woke up in the middle of the night to rats chewing on his face after months of fighting the infestation.

Heriverto Hernandez claimed to Fox32 the whiskered pests made a feast out of him while he slept inside his garden-level apartment in the Rogers Park complex three weeks ago.

Hernandez said he conked out after a long day at work when he felt something scurrying on his face around 3 a.m. "I was sleeping at night. I work in the city, and I was really tired. I went to sleep, and [the rats] attacked me around 3 a.m. I felt them on my face and threw them off of my face," Hernandez told the outlet.

Photos showed the man's swollen eye and face with red cuts all over his forehead. Hernandez sought medical care after the rat attack and was treated with a rabies shot and antibiotics. His eye, however, remains irritated from the attack, the outlet reported.

The management company for the apartments told the outlet it has invested over $1.5 million into improvements since 2025.

Zoe Hussain

Dies during body dump

A suspected murderer is believed to have died of a heart attack while dumping the body of a mother of three he'd strangled in remote woods in Alabama, according to authorities.

The body of Daniel Robbins, 44, was found next to that of his apparent victim, Jessica Folds, 47, on June 10 in Chambers County, Ala., about 125 miles from his home in Macon, Ga.

The autopsy and investigation showed that "the female victim was strangled, and it appears the male was attempting to dispose of the body in a remote location," an official told Al.com.

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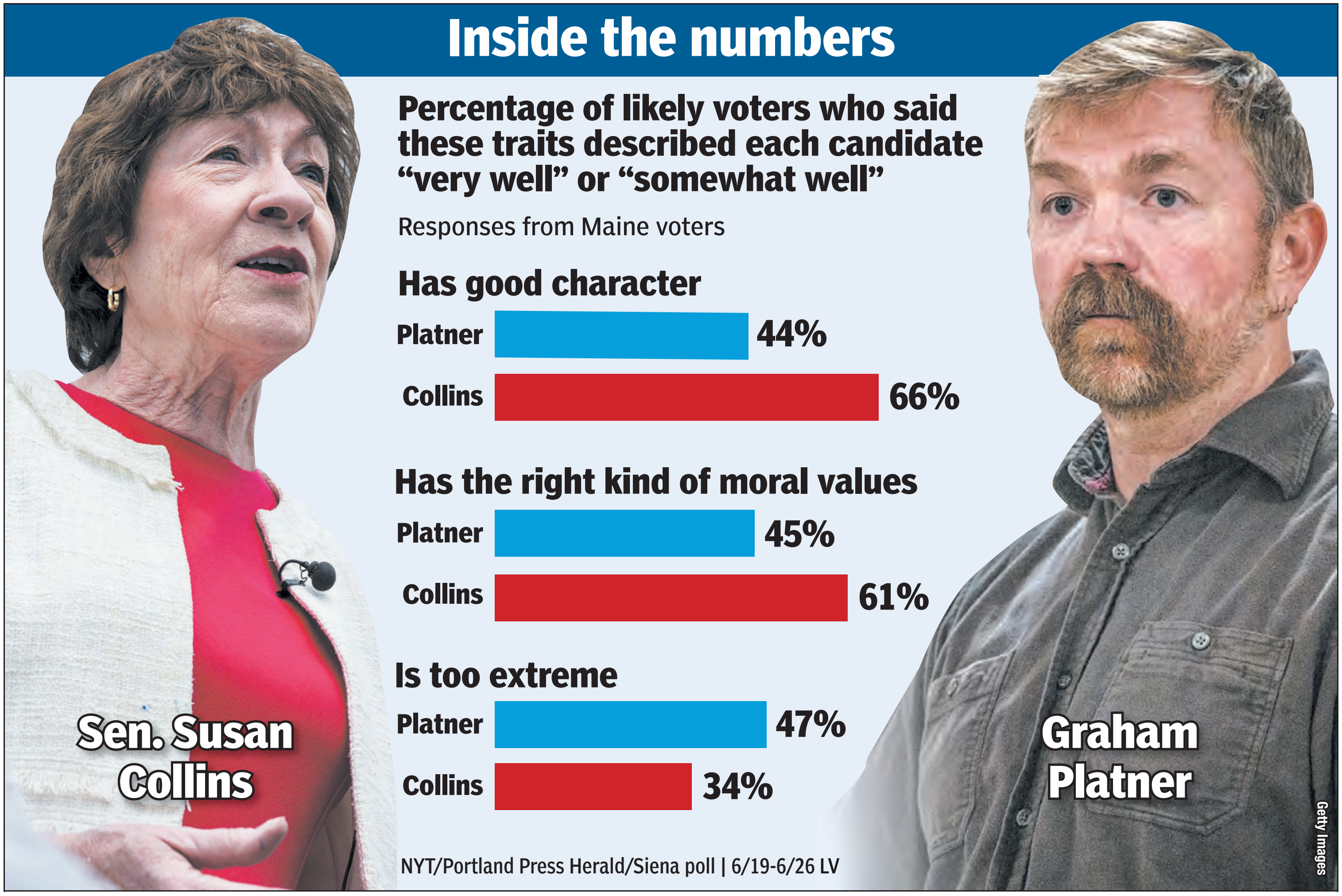

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Platner polls lead tightens

By RYAN KING

Almost half of likely voters in Maine’s closely watched US Senate race view Democratic hopeful Graham Platner as “too extreme,” a poll has found, and his polling average lead has narrowed.

The New York Times-Portland Press Herald-Siena College survey also found that only 44% would describe Platner as having “good character” compared to GOP incumbent Sen. Susan Collins (66%), and just 45% agree the Democrat “has the right kind of moral values” compared to Collins’ 61%.

Platner was found to be too extreme by 47% and Collins by 34%.

The poll still showed Platner leading Collins 49% to 47%, with 3% saying they didn’t know whom they would support or declining to answer.

Platner, 41, is endorsed by Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and backs policies such as a single-payer healthcare system, packing the Supreme Court and a wealth tax.

However, his campaign has been dogged by a series of scandals, including alleged physical abuse of a former girlfriend, sexting other women while married, making offensive comments on Reddit and getting a tattoo of a notorious Nazi SS symbol.

Platner has denied both being violent toward past girlfriends and knowing that the tattoo was of a Nazi symbol, although multiple former flames have released messages in which they describe the tattoo to confidants before its significance was publicly known.

Lead declines

The survey result brings Platner’s lead over Collins in the RealClearPolitics polling average down to 4 percentage points, half the margin he enjoyed in April.

In 2020, Collins trailed her Democratic opponent, Sarah Gideon, by more than 5 percentage points in the RCP average, but won re-election by 8.6 points.

The Siena poll also found that 60% of Maine voters disapprove of President Trump, about the same percentage as in September 2020.

Collins also edged Platner in overall favorability, with 48% holding a “very” or “somewhat” favorable view of the Republican compared to 45% who hold positive views of Platner.

Some 61% of respondents said Collins would do a better job of bringing federal dollars to Maine, while just 34% said the same of Platner.

The Collins campaign has played up her longtime role as the top Republican on the Appropriations Committee, a panel on which Platner has said he eventually wants to sit.

The poll was conducted June 19-26 and sampled 608 likely voters with a margin of error of plus or minus 4.8 percentage points.

Democrats see Maine as their best Senate pickup opportunity in the 2026 election cycle.

BAD BUNNY
Company gifted Sotomayor.

Supreme got Bunny ‘money’

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor was gifted more than $4,000 in concert tickets last summer from superstar rapper Bad Bunny’s record label, according to her annual financial disclosure released Monday.

The tickets, valued at $4,333, were provided to Sotomayor by Rimas Entertainment “for a concert for me and guests while I was on a private trip to Puerto Rico in August 2025,” the justice noted on her disclosure.

Rimas Entertainment, founded in Puerto Rico by Bad Bunny’s manager Noah Assad, represents several leading Latin music artists.

It’s unclear who performed at the concert, but the Puerto Rican superstar performed on the island during August 2025 as part of a long run of shows. Sotomayor was born in The Bronx to Puerto Rican parents.

Rimas Entertainment and a Supreme Court spokesperson did not immediately respond to The Post’s requests for comment. *Victor Nava*

New Cali U. molest scare

UC Santa Barbara police are searching for a man who groped a pedestrian Wednesday, as the school is still reeling from an on-campus rape that took place week earlier.

Police said that at about 11:30 a.m., on UCSB’s West Campus, a man on a bicycle rode past the victim several times before striking her on the buttocks before biking off.

The perv is a short and thin Hispanic or Middle Eastern, about 35, and was wearing shorts and a tank top. *Ben Chapman*

Bronx 'gang' terror

A baby-faced street gang run by a 28-year-old ringleader terrorized a working-class Bronx neighborhood for months, turning it into a shooting gallery that left innocent bystanders wounded, prosecutors said Monday.

Tyreik "Tubby" Seth, the reputed boss of the "McKillville" gang, ordered gangbangers as young as 14 to shoot up the borough during a year-long turf war with rivals out of a local housing project, Bronx prosecutors said as they announced charges against 19 reputed gang members.

"These defendants were from 14- to 17-year-old boys who were urged on by men to elevate themselves in the gangs by committing attempted murders and assaults," Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark told reporters at a press conference.

"The 28-year-old leader of the McKillville gang out of the McKinney Houses ordered his [gang] to shoot rivals, to be risk-takers," Clark said. "And they did so to be elevated in the game and to win their leader's favor."

The gang's reign of terror ran from May 2025 through April, with crew members plotting shootings on Instagram or through text messages, authorities said.

Jordan Donegan and Jorge Fitz-Gibbon

Scooter teen dies

A 13-year-old boy riding on the back of a motorized scooter in Queens was killed when his pal swerved to avoid an car door and hit a truck Monday, cops said.

The scooter, driven by another 13-year-old boy, was heading south on 162nd Street near 45th Avenue in Flushing around 12:40 p.m. when a motorist stepped out of a parked car, police said.

The scooter driver tried to dodge the open door but collided with a truck heading in the same direction, police said. The rider fell into the street, where he "made contact" with the rear wheels of the truck.

Joe Marino and Amanda Woods

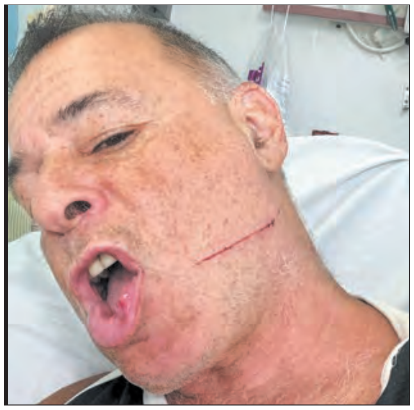
FISTS VS. KNIFE

By GREG CARLTON

Penn Station stab vics fought maniac

PENN STATION

SLASH SPREE: Hector Deleon (above) pleaded not guilty to an 18-count indictment for stabbing seven people, including Henry Obadiah (below), in Penn Station this month.



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Penn Station commuters carved up by a blade-wielding madman in a bloody rampage earlier this month desperately tried fighting back, including one victim who used his backpack to shield against the attack, prosecutors revealed Monday.

Two men — ages 60 and 42 — both failed to stave off Hector Deleon, 51, during his alleged June 7 stabbing spree that injured seven unsuspecting victims inside the busy Midtown transit hub, according to new court documents.

Deleon, who donned beige prison garb at his court appearance, pleaded not guilty to an 18-count indictment charging him with seven counts of attempted murder and other charges.

The suspect, whom victims have described as having "rage in his eyes," allegedly targeted his victims after entering the NJ Transit area of the station.

There, Deleon allegedly slashed a man in the throat before turning around and immediately stabbing a woman in the chest, according to the indictment.

Deleon then ran into Henry Obadiah, 60, who desperately tried to fend off the attack.

But Deleon was still able to drive his blade into Obadiah's left temple, according to prosecutors.

Backpack shield

The accused attempted murderer stabbed two more victims before running into a 42-year-old victim, who attempted to protect himself with his backpack before Deleon plunged his double-sided knife into the poor man's throat, prosecutors allege.

Obadiah had told The Post that he was traveling back home to New Jersey when Deleon came after him and sucker-punched him in the face.

"The crazy guy locked his eyes on me and just roundhoused me! Clocked me right in the face and I was like, 'What the f--k?'" Obadiah said, "And I heard the guy on the escalator say, 'He's got a knife! He's got a knife!'"

Obadiah said he was in such shock that he didn't realize he had been slashed in the face.

Deleon, who is no stranger to the criminal-justice system, was arrested at least seven times before the June 7 attack — including for a 2022 stabbing in Newark for which he was only punished with two years of probation.

Sources said he was on probation during the Penn Station stabbing spree.

His wife, Waleska Morales, 48, told The Post that they had been separated for three years due to domestic violence — where she claimed that Deleon had physically and verbally abused her.

No bail

"He hit me with the closed fist," Morales said, adding that Deleon had tried visiting her two weeks before the attack.

At his Monday arraignment, Deleon held without bail by Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Curtis Farber. He is awaiting a mental health evaluation.

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg vowed in a statement to prevent random attacks like this one from happening in the Big Apple altogether.

"We will not accept this type of random violence anywhere in Manhattan," Bragg said.

If convicted, Deleon faces up to 25 years in prison for attempted murder in the second degree.

He's due back in court July 27.

Tragic obese kid's parents hit with slay rap

A Michigan couple charged with the murder of their obese 7-year-old son let the boy consume a "steady diet of snack foods" as he gained 151 pounds in less than two years before dying. Casper O'Brien, who weighed 255 pounds when he died inside his family's home in November. He was eating "a steady diet of snack foods" up until his death, the prosecutor said.

The poor diet of the youngster wasn't his only health concern.

Authorities also believe Casper was nonverbal, bedridden and plagued with bed sores.

"It's a very, very sad and tragic situation," Genesee County prosecutor David Leyton said. "I've been the prosecuting attorney for 22 years and I thought I'd seen it all but I've never seen anything quite like this."

The parents were recently charged by prosecutors from Genesee County, Michigan — about an hour from Detroit — for second-degree murder, torture and second-degree child-abuse.

An attorney for Damien O'Brien said his client was "innocent."

David DeTurris, Wires

Sally Brompton Daily Horoscope

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♋ **CANCER**
(June 22-July 23)
Your money situation may not be great, but neither is it as desperate as you seem to believe, so stop worrying about where your next dollar is coming from and trust the universe to look after you. It knows exactly what you need.

♌ **LEO**
(July 24-Aug. 23)
With Jupiter joining Venus in your sign today, your mood will improve considerably, so much so that you may believe nothing can go wrong. Reality will bring you down to earth soon enough, but your luck is certainly changing for the better.

♍ **VIRGO**
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
The pressure will be on you to play a role today but you should only do so if you are in the right mood. You were put on earth in part to help other people, but that does not mean you have to be a performing seal!

♎ **LIBRA**
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
Friends will be a lot of fun now that Jupiter is joining your ruler Venus in the most neighborly area of your chart. Get out and about and meet as many people as you can over the next 24 hours. Everyone will want to be your friend.

♏ **SCORPIO**
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
If you want to get ahead in your career then the next few days are going to be of the utmost importance. Make yourself known to someone in a position of power, because you could be exactly who they have been looking for.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS**
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
Don't jump to conclusions if someone you work or do business with gives you a hard time today. With mind planet Mercury moving retrograde, it's possible that you have misinterpreted their motives. They could be trying to do you a favor.

♑ **CAPRICORN**
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
While Mercury is moving retrograde through the partnership area of your chart, joint activities will come to a halt, or at least slow down. That's actually a good thing in that it gives you time to reappraise them. Changes may be needed.

♒ **AQUARIUS**
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
The more people you work with gripe and complain today, the more inclined you will be to tell them to stop feeling sorry for themselves and buck up their ideas. Having said that, are they really worth the effort? Probably not.

♓ **PISCES**
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)
If it is in your power to make right a wrong of some sort today, then put everything else on hold and make that your one and only aim. You are at your best when your generosity of spirit is allowed to work its magic.

♈ **ARIES**
(March 21-April 20)
Jupiter, planet of good fortune, joins Venus in the most optimistic and outgoing area of your chart today, so even if your life is a bit of a mess at the moment, you will find no end of reasons to smile. Creative people will bring you luck.

♉ **TAURUS**
(April 21-May 21)
You may be inclined to back a hunch of some sort today, but with mind planet Mercury beginning its retrograde phase, there is no guarantee that hunch will be correct. Stick to the facts and ignore that little voice in your head, for now.

♊ **GEMINI**
(May 22-June 21)
If someone disrupts your routine or delays a project today, putting you behind schedule, there is no point getting upset about it. With Mercury moving retrograde, you will probably have to go back and do it all again later on anyway.

BIRTHDAY TUESDAY

Jupiter's move into the financial area of your chart on your birthday is an omen of great success. Your world will be full of opportunities, and each and every one of them is a path to fame and fortune. Choose one path and stick with it.

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Tuesday

Today: Very warm. High 86 to 92.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 70 to 76.

Wednesday

HOT

Tomorrow: Very hot and humid with hazy sun. High 92 to 98.

Tomorrow night: Clear, very warm and humid. Low 78 to 84.

Thursday

Very hot. High 97 to 103.

HOT

Evening
Clear and warm. Low 79 to 85.

Friday

Very hot. High 97 to 103.

HOT

Evening
T-storm possible. Low 78 to 84.

Almanac

YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

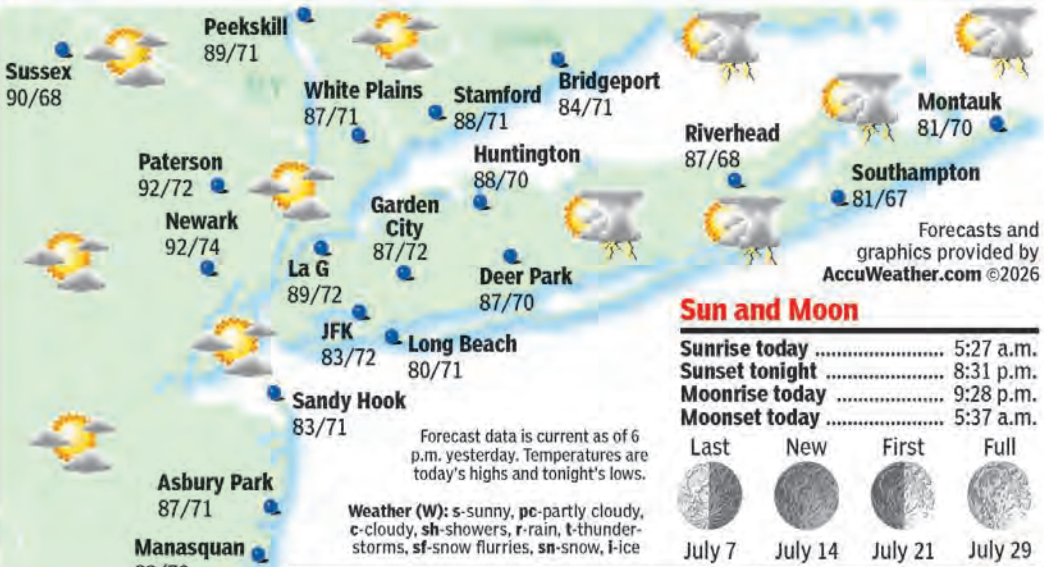
Temperature
High: 88, Low: 68, Mean: 78

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: +2 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00", Month: 3.39",
Year: 17.82", Normal year to date: 23.58"

Cooling Degree days yesterday..............13
Total for the month (normal).......247 (216)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal)..........385 (297)
Last year to date..................................313
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 85
UV index (for Tue.) .... 9 (Very High)
Humidity (at noon) 54%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Low Predominant pollen: Trees, Grasses, Weeds
AQI rating: (for Tue.)...................Moderate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Newark
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JFK
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Long Beach
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Sandy Hook
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Asbury Park
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Manasquan
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Toms River
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Long Beach
82/70
Atlantic City
87/70
Ocean City
83/72

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Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **r**-rain, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today .... 5:27 a.m.
Sunset tonight .... 8:31 p.m.
Moonrise today .... 9:28 p.m.
Moonset today .... 5:37 a.m.

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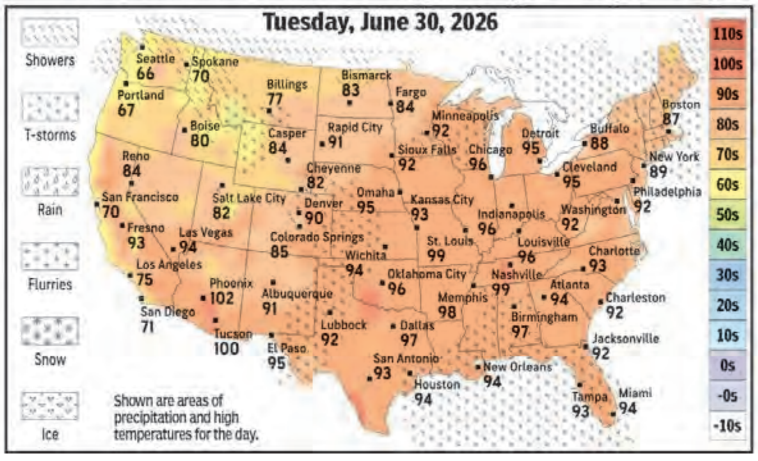
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Portland 67
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Fargo 84
Boise 80
Casper 84
Rapid City 91
Minneapolis 92
Sioux Falls 92
Chicago 96
Detroit 95
Buffalo 88
Boston 87
New York 89
Reno 84
Cheyenne 82
Cleveland 95
Philadelphia 92
San Francisco 70
Salt Lake City 82
Denver 90
Omaha 95
Kansas City 93
Indianapolis 96
Washington 92
Fresno 93
Las Vegas 94
Colorado Springs 85
Wichita 94
St. Louis 99
Louisville 96
Charlotte 93
Los Angeles 75
Phoenix 102
Albuquerque 91
Oklahoma City 96
Nashville 99
Atlanta 94
Memphis 98
Charleston 92
San Diego 71
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Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

New York Tides

High Tide for	TODAY 1st	TODAY 2nd	TOMORROW 1st	TOMORROW 2nd
Coney Island	8:48a	8:56p	9:28a	9:32p
Fire Island	8:42a	9:11p	9:21a	9:48p
Hempstead	12:09a	12:50p	12:36a	1:14p
Huntington	12:03a	12:40p	12:40a	1:14p
Jones Inlet	8:32a	8:40p	9:12a	9:16p
Montauk Point	10:12a	10:27p	10:58a	11:08p
Port Washington	12:16a	1:01p	12:36a	1:19p
Sandy Hook	8:52a	9:00p	9:32a	9:36p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	89/73/t	96/75/t
Danbury	87/70/t	97/73/s
Glens Falls	86/69/t	94/71/t
Gr Barrington	87/69/t	94/73/pc
Kingston	90/72/t	100/74/pc
Liberty	87/68/t	93/71/pc
Monticello	87/68/t	93/72/pc
Newburgh	91/70/t	99/74/s
Poughkeepsie	90/70/t	99/73/s
Saratoga Springs	87/70/t	98/73/t
Stroudsburg	90/67/pc	97/71/pc
Torrington	87/69/t	98/73/pc
Syracuse	91/77/t	97/77/s

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	95/73/s	95/72/s
Baghdad	113/87/s	113/87/s
Beijing	79/68/t	85/69/pc
Berlin	81/63/pc	75/58/sh
Cairo	98/74/pc	98/74/pc
Dublin	68/53/sh	68/55/c
Geneva	87/63/t	84/60/sh
Hong Kong	90/83/r	92/83/sh
Jerusalem	87/68/s	86/68/s
Kabul	96/73/pc	96/72/pc
London	78/58/c	80/61/pc
Madrid	99/71/s	101/64/s
Mexico City	73/57/r	72/55/r
Montreal	81/74/t	92/75/t
Moscow	79/63/pc	82/59/pc
Paris	86/60/pc	84/61/c
Rio de Janeiro	79/69/pc	82/70/pc
Rome	93/71/s	91/72/s
Sydney	66/59/pc	70/64/c
Tokyo	84/70/t	84/72/c

Hollow Victory

Zo's rent win means sharp SCOTUS scrutiny

TENANTS' groups and left-wing activists are cheering New York City's newly announced multi-year rent freeze. But they could be in for a judicial smackdown: Don't expect Mayor Mamdani's rent freeze to survive a constitutional challenge.

BLOCK by BLOCK
HOLD BAD LANDLORDS

Gregory P. Mango

Threats: Mamdani and rent czar Cea Weaver (r.) are after private property.

In 2023 and twice in 2024 a hesitant US Supreme Court declined to hear building owners' challenges to New York state's rent regulations. Lower courts acknowledged the regulations diminished the value of rental properties but said the state was balancing the rights of owners with the need to protect tenants.

At the time, Justice Clarence Thomas said the constitutionality of New York's rent regulations is "an important and pressing question" — and that he looked forward to a rent-control case that clearly shows the government going too far to take an owner's property. Mamdani has given Justice Thomas what he's been waiting for, on a silver platter.

BETSY McCAUGHEY

Moscow Mamdani's scheme to deny landlords any rent hikes at all smacks of the kind of expropriation of private property that occurs in Cuba and other socialist nations. Not here: The US Constitution prohibits it.

The Takings Clause in Article 5 of the Bill of Rights bars government from imposing regulations that make a person's property worthless. Everyone who owns anything — a home or a business of any sort — should feel threatened by Mamdani's Bolshevik scheme to deny building owners fair compensation, dooming their rental properties to rapid decay and then literally seizing their buildings.

Under the framework established by the New York state Legislature, the Rent Guidelines Board determines allowable rent hikes based on specific costs landlords incur. Mamdani's handpicked RGB members threw the law out the window.

Fuel costs went up 11% in the last year, and insurance rose 10.5% — but Mamdani's RGB announced that landlords will get no increases this year or the next. And none in the years after that, either, if the RGB makes good on Mamdani's campaign promise.

Zero rent hikes will cause buildings to rapidly fall into disrepair — just what the new mayor intends. Last month he announced that City Hall "will take aggressive legal action" to "transfer ownership to responsible stewards when landlords fail to keep buildings up to code."

Those stewards will include "community land trusts, nonprofits and even the tenants themselves," he declared. That's allowed under current local law, but only under extreme circumstances: It applied to fewer than 30 properties in 2024, and generally doesn't result in permanent confiscation.

But Mamdani's rent freeze means many landlords will lack the revenue to keep apartments up to code. The rent freeze deliberately creates the conditions for widespread confiscation, turning them into targets.

Think Bolshevik Moscow in 1917, when the communists annulled private property rights, seized buildings and decreed them communal living spaces. Lefties become land barons.

Last week RGB member Cristina Smyth, appointed by former Mayor Eric Adams, resigned in protest just hours before the vote. Saying the freeze "was decided last year on the campaign trail," she offered to help any building owner willing to wage a legal battle.

"I will do everything I can to assist them in being successful," she pledged. Bring on the fight.

And a lawsuit already filed in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York against New York City and the RGB also has a significant shot at judicial success.

This suit focuses on the narrow case of so-called "zombie" apartments — units that stand empty and unrented due to a 2019 state law that tightly restricts how much owners can pass along to tenants when they spend what's needed to get apartments up to code. That leaves an estimated 57,000 zombie units sitting vacant, exacerbating the housing crunch and impoverishing building owners.

It's likely to take two or three years for this case, or any new challenge to Mamdani's rent freeze, to reach the high court. But when and if they do, the justices could well slap down Mamdani's rent freeze, his confiscations or any portion of the city's rent regulatory scheme as an unconstitutional "taking" — as Thomas is clearly itching to do. And no matter how the throngs of left-wing tenant advocates may howl, Mamdani will have to comply.

Everyone in New York who owns anything — a home, a rental property, a diner, a bodega or any other business — has a stake in this legal fight. Mamdani's scheme to seize rental properties is a red flag that all property rights are in peril.

He's going after landlords first, but you could be next.

FAST TAKES

Border watch: GOP Still Wins on Immigration

"The general consensus in America is against illegal immigration — making it perhaps the most popular issue available to Republicans seeking to avoid midterm losses in November," notes Paul du Quenoy at Chronicles. Per a new Harvard/Harris poll, it "remains Trump's leading issue, with 49 percent of respondents expressing approval of his immigration policies." And "when Trump is removed from the polling data," the issue looks "even better for Republicans": Some 80% of Americans back deporting illegals who commit other crimes, while 56% back deporting *all* illegals. "This remarkable consistency in public attitudes had persisted despite nearly a year and half of media sob stories"; for Republicans hoping to retain control of Congress, "illegal immigration is, in at least some respects, the 80-20 issue they need."

Schools beat: The Meaning of NY Diploma

Starting in 2027, "New York will no longer require passing Regents exams to graduate" high school, lament City Journal's Jennifer Weber and Ray Domanico. The big question: "What does a New York State high school diploma tell us about a student's knowledge and capabilities?" Alas, no real answer has come from the state. It might look to the "New York Performance Standards Consortium," a group of high schools that's used a different curriculum than the Regents for years, one that demands real work across literature, mathematics and more, with standards meaning "the same thing in every building." But even a "graduation standard by itself does nothing": "Qualities such as 'critical thinker' or 'effective communicator' mean little until the state identifies the academic tasks through which a student must demonstrate it."

From the right: DSA Backers Blind to US Liberty

"Young urban progressives in the U.S." who've grown "disenchanted with the flaccid Democratic" mainstream "seek to stage a socialist revolution with the goal of taking over the Democratic Party," scoffs The Wall Street Journal's Allysia Finley. Recent victories in Dem primaries in NYC show young voters on the left are "tired of mealy-mouthed politicians and want" more vigorous opposition to "corrupt and dishonest" politics-as-usual. Tellingly, "social media charlatan" Hasan Piker and many of the DSA candidates are "children of immigrants" and actually "exemplify the economic mobility that they claim isn't possible in the U.S." These "young progressives" take for granted American liberty and their "constitutional right to criticize and protest their government."

Media desk: Eyes Wide Shut on Major Stories

Major media outlets are conducting a "Soviet" style "news blackout" on "crucial news stories," frets the Washinton Times' Robert Knight. Like a report from outgoing DNI Tulsi Gabbard, for example, that "documents how Dr. Anthony Fauci lied to Congress" about the origins of COVID-19. "Fauci steered media away from the obvious lab leak explanation," and thus "undermined a duly elected President." In Britain, the release of a major exposé of the rape gang case has been "ignored by major American cable and broadcast media," though "the scale of the crimes is staggering." Meanwhile, "media are still going crazy over maintenance problems at the Reflecting Pool in Washington." With the country facing serious crises, the "American voter" cannot "count on media."

Dr. Anthony Fauci

Conservative: Nuns Caught in Woke Dragnet

New York bureaucrats targeted the Catholic Dominican sisters of Rosary Hill Home, whose "care for the dying poor," over Gov. Hochul's Bill of Rights for LGBTQIA+ New Yorkers, grumbles The Washington Post Editorial Board. The bill says long-term care centers must "use patients' preferred pronouns . . .and refuse to assign rooms based on biological sex." Compliance would "violate the sisters' conscience," yet they could face imprisonment if they don't comply. So they sued, and the Justice Department is now siding with them. The nuns welcome "people who struggle with their gender identity," but say they can't deny someone's "God-given sex." Why doesn't the state save "itself inevitable embarrassment in court," and let the nuns "care for the dying poor in peace."

— *The Post Editorial Board*

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WH's Hunter-Like Sleaze

It was bad when the Bidens did it, and it's just as bad when the Trumps do it.

Insider deals, finders' fees and backdoor introductions to family members are business-as-usual in Third World banana republics, but these slimy practices have now been normalized in the White House, to the shame of the nation.

The New York Times reports that Eric and Donald Trump, Jr., sons of President Trump, and Kyle and Brandon Lutnick, sons of Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, are tied to a billion-dollar tungsten-mining deal that the US government is financing in Kazakhstan.

The prez himself actually called in to a meeting between Howard Lutnick and Kazakhstan's president as the deal was being finalized.

Cantor Fitzgerald, the investment-banking company founded by Lutnick and now run by his sons, has long been a prominent underwriter of global-mining projects.

Lutnick himself has stepped away from the company. But Cantor Fitzgerald's interests have certainly not been harmed by having its founder in Trump's Cabinet: Cantor is an adviser or underwriter for at least 13 mining companies that have or are in the process of getting major financing or contracts from the federal government.

The Trump sons, meanwhile, are part-owners or investors in companies neck-deep in a key defense contract to mine tungsten reserves in Central Asia.

It stinks to high heaven.

If a president's family making bank from obscure resource companies in the former Soviet Union sounds familiar, maybe that's because Hunter Biden's lucrative connection to Burisma — a Ukrainian gas company — was a major scandal in the 2020 election and beyond.

Republicans, including Donald Trump, were justifiably outraged at the obvious influence-peddling.

Hunter Biden's role as Biden family bagman — the one who collected money on behalf of the "Big Guy" — became the emblem of a rotten, damaged Oval Office.

True, no one thought of Trump & Co. as unblemished saints, but who would've thunk he, his kin and associates were going to use the Biden family template — virtually backing up the truck and stealing the carpets and silver — as a model of ethical behavior?

The Lutnick and Trump boys have been sloshing around in the muck since their dads came to power 18 months ago. They've profited handsomely from cryptocurrency deals while the government their fathers control were setting crypto policy.

Democrats in Congress are pressing for an investigation into Trump sweetheart deals. If they take the House in the midterms these hearings are surely coming.

It would behoove the Trump administration, and the nation as a whole, if the president were to get ahead of the growing scandal, act transparently and clean up the whole mess before it swamps his final two years in office — and defines his legacy.

Time To Slay the Deep State Monster

The Supreme Court's decision Monday affirming Trump's right to fire Federal Trade Commission members opens the door for him to finally dismantle the Deep State once and for all.

Writing for the 6-3 majority, Chief John Roberts concluded "that those who fall within the President's 'general administrative control' must be removable by the President at will." In so doing, the court struck down an almost century-old federal law that violated the separation of powers and prevented the president from firing members of the Federal Trade Commission, except for cause, such as for malfeasance.

The precedent-setting case arose from Trump's March 2025 decision to fire Democratic FTC Commissioner Rebecca Slaughter without cause. Common sense — and the Constitution, for that matter — dictates that the president *must* have the freedom to hire *and* fire the bureaucrats and agencies who exercise executive power or otherwise act in his name.

Consequently, Trump will now be able to wield presidential control, as he should, over more than two dozen quasi-independent regulatory agencies.

The six justices got this case exactly right. Yet Trump shouldn't limit himself to the heads of such agencies.

This month, he issued an executive order stripping "for cause" protections for several thousand federal employees in "policy-influencing positions." Good. That move can give him the right to fire them at any time, a power the president should surely have.

Alas, too many of the *other 2 million* executive-branch employees enjoy far too much shielding from civil service and other laws and regulations. Trump needs to keep up the pressure, fight those rules and ferret out his enemies — those refusing to implement his directives or actively undermining them, as many have.

Indeed, the Deep State — the "swamp" Trump vowed to drain even before taking office the first time — has stood firm throughout both of the president's terms, never mind that he was duly elected by voters expecting his administration to carry out his promises. These resistors represent an unelected bureaucracy impervious to voters — a major roadblock to democratic rule and a clear violation of the Constitution's intent.

Roberts and the five other justices in the majority just restored a modicum democracy and reminded Americans that elections have consequences.

Trump should see the ruling as an invitation to doing what he's long promised — and finally slay the Deep State monster.

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Zoh's High-Court Defiance: Who Does He Think He Is?

THE ISSUE: Mamdani's promise to defy the Supreme Court ruling allowing the deportation of TPS migrants.

- Who died and made Mayor Mamdani king ("Mayor 'stays' court ruling," June 27)?

His recent video attack, where he vowed to defy the court's ruling that allows the Trump administration to strip Syrians and Haitians of temporary protective status, exposes his total disrespect for law.

He has the right to pander to his socialist base after his endorsed candidates' successful primary victories.

However, he and his team need to tone down their rhetoric and develop some negotiating skills to convince the administration to offer mercy, if he doesn't want these groups deported.

Michael Headley
Brooklyn

- Mamdani and Gov. Hochul refuse to follow the Supreme Court ruling regarding temporarily protected status for immigrants. When did it become acceptable to pick which laws you follow? My understanding is that the Supreme Court speaks for America.

The immigrants that helped make this country great came here, received permission to stay, obeyed our immigration laws and then had the opportunity to make an honest living.

Temporary means just that — it doesn't mean forever.

Robert Leavy
Middle Village

Mayor Mamdani

- The Supreme Court rules that Haitians and Syrians who are not citizens are no longer under protection from being deported, but Mamdani said he will protect them.

Isn't this breaking the law by harboring illegal migrants? They could be arrested for this.

The mayor thinks, because he is creating a socialist state, that he is immune to the law.

Joseph Comperchio
Brooklyn

- If Mamdani intends to promote changes to the US Constitution, I would suggest he begin by including language on a basic acceptance of our system of government, as well as a requirement of loyalty to the country.

An expressed rejection of all people on the terror watch list should also be included.

Yakov Moshe
Brooklyn

- Perhaps, unbeknownst to me, there has been a constitutional amendment that gives Mamdani the legal authority to violate the Supremacy Clause of the US Constitution.

Mamdani's vow not to enforce Supreme Court rulings in New York City should provoke a constitutional crisis that immediately opens the issue of sanctuary cities for the Supreme Court to re-examine.

David Rabinovitz
Brooklyn

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Two Cheers for a Carriage Ban

THE ISSUE: Calls to ban NYC's horse carriages following concerning conditions and a tourist's death.

- Neither livelihood nor tradition is an excuse for these kind, noble and majestic creatures' suffering (" 'Park carriage trade is sick,' " June 24).

The Post is to be commended for bringing this cruelty to readers' attention. There are retirement farms for horses, and they are supported by contributions from those who know these animals exhibit far more gentleness and humanity than many people do.

Let's give a big "Neighhh" to animal abuse of any kind.

Anthony Parks
Garden City

- The horses used in New York City's carriage industry are considered property, and their futures will be determined by their owners — not by any proposed ban.

If horses end up at slaughter, that's on the people who owned and profited from them — not those seeking to protect them.

Many horse sanctuaries stand ready to help. The real question is whether owners will choose compassion over profit.

Philip Tripp
Fort Erie, Ontario

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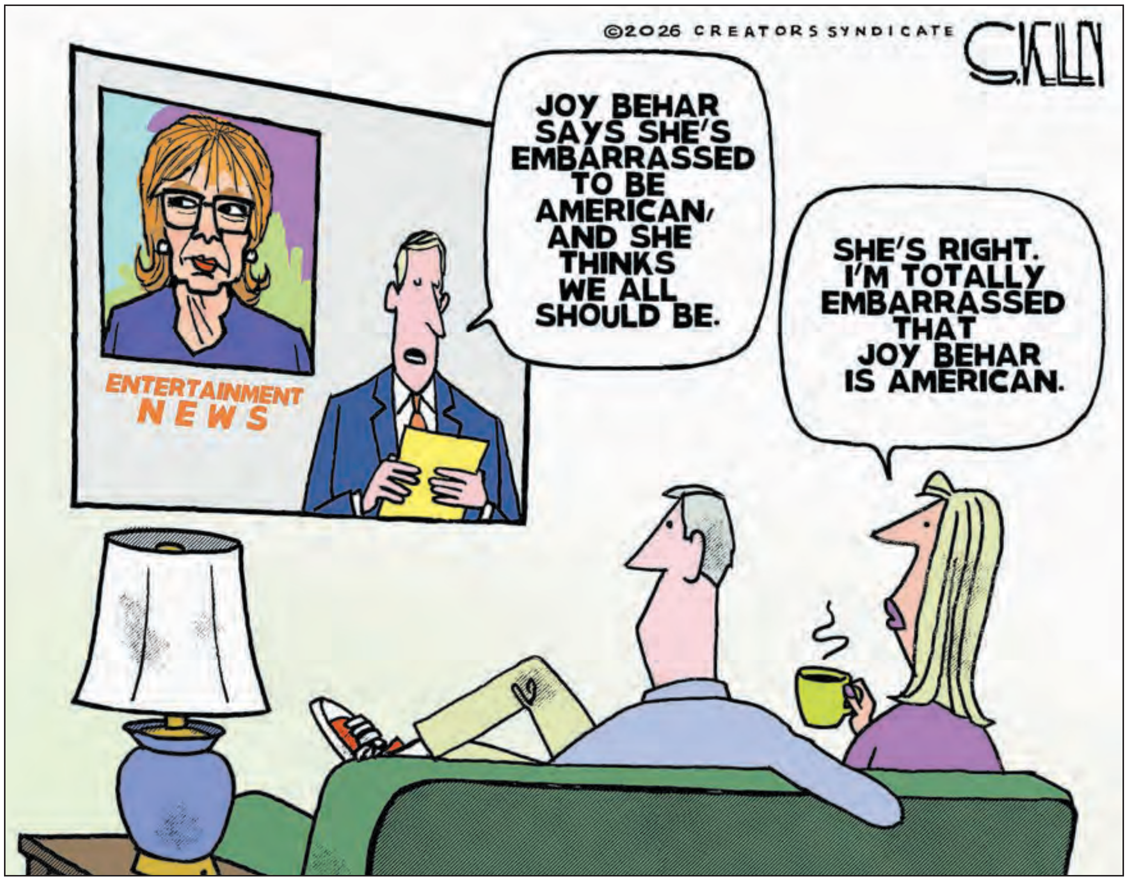
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MAHER GETS HIS DUE

DANIEL McCARTHY

BILL Maher is the perfect liberal, at least on paper — yet despite his talk shows being nominated for Emmy awards more than 40 times, it's only in Donald Trump's Washington that Maher finally gets the recognition he craves. He's now the 27th recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, an award first won by the legendary Richard Pryor in 1998.

Maher stands out as a rare left-leaning comic who dares criticize his own tribe — and he's paid a price for it. Liberals like Maher might not like Donald Trump or the stamp he's placed on the Kennedy Center, which awards the Twain Prize. But in Trump's Washington, a rebel like Maher can be given his due — which can't be said in precincts that cultural liberals control.

Maher certainly checks the boxes of a good left-liberal. He's a street-corner atheist; a male feminist; he's a pothead — and pot *dealer*, the part-owner of a West Hollywood dispensary; and an accurately self-described "libertine." He ought to be the ideal celebrity Democrat.

But the hypocrisy and ideological nuttiness of the party are too much for him. So is the more-than-puritanical humorlessness of the left — and its holier-than-thou intolerance.

Maher is nobody's idea of a conservative, yet he's the closest thing many in the television industry today can imagine to a right-winger. He kicks back against cancel culture, and if his shows aren't altogether balanced, they're nonetheless places where conservatives and contrarians get to have a say. Amid the smarmy partisanship that's smothered late-night TV, "Real Time with Bill Maher" has often been an oasis.

He's undeniably entertaining, hence his Emmy nominations. But he's entertaining for all the wrong reasons — hence the shutout from industry awards.

The left just isn't a very funny, fun or free place to be, a point Maher drove home in the title of the show that first made his name in TV, "Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher."

In the 30 years since its debut, political correctness transitioned into "woke" and is worse than ever — except for the cultural space cleared by Trump's defiance.

A comedian like Maher needs Trump for more than just material to riff on. There was plenty of that at Sunday's Kennedy Center ceremony, including a very funny Trump impression by the 28-year-old comedian Matt Friend, who pretended to be the president crashing the stage to snatch the award from the "loser" Maher.

But it's the very thing liberals hate about Trump, his willingness to mock and transgress their dearest pieties, that gives comedy room to breathe in what would otherwise be a suffocating woke environment. If liberals can't be expected to give Trump much credit for that, they should at least recognize that Maher is doing them a valuable service — and never more so than when he pricks their sanctimony.

Maher was an early warning to Democrats that if they didn't realize how extreme they'd come to seem even to a liberal like him, they'd eventually have to contend with an opponent like Donald Trump, someone with a knack for making Americans laugh at political correctness. Humor has always been Trump's not-so-secret weapon.

But what normal people find humorous, the scolds of the modern left find blasphemous. That ought to make an atheist like Maher rethink his horror of religion: Dogmatic secularists are the biggest threat to free thought and speech today.

Europe showcases where political correctness leads — toward tolerance for intolerant Islamist minorities and suppression of politically incorrect speech from citizens who object to what mass migration is doing to their countries. The American left has the same outlook as Europe's, and in the clash between the left and the Trump-style right, a liberal like Maher is going to find himself on the right, whether he likes it or not.

This is why the Trump coalition is going to win in the long run. And it's why Trump remains such a commanding figure — even on a night honoring a comedian who's so often been his critic.

Trans Zealots' Target: Patriotic Daughters

BETHANY MANDEL

LAST week the Daughters of the American Revolution marked America's 250th anniversary not by honoring the nation's Founders, but by miring itself in an unnecessary woke battle that threatens the organization's very future.

Delegates at the DAR's 135th Continental Congress in Washington, DC, this past weekend defeated a member-driven attempt to limit membership to those "born female" — that is, to actual daughters.

The vote means the group's leaders will get their way: They can now open membership to anyone who considers themselves to be female. The members' resolution failed by a vote of 1,481 to 984 after a bitter procedural fight that many attendees say was engineered to produce exactly that outcome.

The Daughters, as they're known, are women who can document direct descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. It's a women-only service organization that has offered leadership and educational opportunities to women since 1890.

For a century-plus, the DAR's very name has described both who its members are and why they belong. It's difficult to imagine a more straightforward membership standard than one rooted in genealogy and biological reality.

Yet all that has now been thrown into question over what members estimate is a grand total of between two and five transgender members — out of 190,000 — who call themselves "Transdaughters." The voting process itself only deepened the divide.

The congress' initial vote was scotched before it was counted, when opponents of the measure claimed to have seen evidence of cheating. That launched a convoluted second vote that required thousands of women to cast ballots one at a time — in a process that stretched for roughly 12 hours.

> **Again and again, left-leaning leaders fall for the same trap.**

Delegates, many of them elderly, were confined to the convention hall with two bathroom breaks and no food service if they wanted their votes to count. Consumed by this single issue, convention organizers canceled luncheon events, disrupted award ceremonies and pulled the plug on service projects honoring troops and veterans.

Intentionally or not, the process inevitably suppressed participation — and left many wondering whether exhaustion was part of the leadership's strategy. Erin, a California delegate who traveled across the country expecting a joyous celebration of America's semiquincentennial, believes the vote threatens the continuity of an organization she cares about deeply.

"I didn't really feel like going to anything the rest of the week," she told me. "I was depressed. I was tapped out."

The strife had an immediate impact on her monetary support for DAR. Like many longtime members, Erin had planned to spend big on special DAR insignia and keepsakes celebrating the nation's 250th birthday during the event — but she walked away empty-handed.

"I didn't buy any merch this year," she said. "I'm not giving to them outside of my required dues. I am not giving them a penny."

She says that sentiment has spread among many members who opposed the vote. They'll keep paying the minimum required to preserve their membership, but the donations and enthusiasm that sustain organizations like the DAR are beginning to disappear.

That may ultimately be the vote's real legacy. Again and again, American institutions have discovered that appeasing ideological activists while ignoring the wishes of their core constituency is a losing strategy.

The customers leave, donors disappear, volunteers stop volunteering. The institution slowly hollows itself out from within.

Yet again and again, left-leaning leaders fall for the same trap. There's a bitter irony in how an organization created to honor the sacrifices of America's founders chose, on the eve of the nation's 250th birthday, to jeopardize its own future over the wish to accommodate at most five people.

The biblical story of King Solomon reveals a timeless truth: The person willing to divide the child is rarely the one who truly loves the child. The women fighting to preserve the DAR as a female organization aren't the ones demanding that the institution change its identity. No, those willing to fracture it over the demands of two to five wannabe members are demonstrating a reckless willingness to gamble the viability of an institution that has survived for 135 years.

King Solomon knew the true mother — the one who could not bear to see the child divided was the one who loved it most. The Daughters have a thing or two to learn from that ancient tale.

The Post Puzzle Page

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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A_1 E_1 I_1 K_5 G_2 N_1 S_1 Triple Word Score RACK 1

A_1 O_1 O_1 U_1 R_1 R_1 T_1 RACK 2

E_1 E_1 O_1 S_1 N_1 S_1 W_4 3rd Letter Double RACK 3

E_1 O_1 U_1 K_5 T_1 B_3 C_3 RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 218

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

TODAY'S ANSWER

SCRABBLE GRAMS

	SOLUTION
S_1 I_1 N_1 K_5 A_1 G_2 E_1	RACK 1 = 86
O_1 U_1 T_1 R_1 O_1 A_1 R_1	RACK 2 = 57
W_4 O_1 E_1 N_1 E_1 S_1 S_1	RACK 3 = 61
B_3 U_1 C_3 K_5 E_1 T_1	RACK 4 = 14
PAR SCORE 145-155	TOTAL 218

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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Each number must appear once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-3 grids. Impossible? Not once you get the hang of it. Tips and in depth strategies at

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Very Easy #7,325

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Difficult #7,115

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Bridge

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 9
♡ A 10 9
◇ A K Q J 10
♣ Q J 4 3

WEST
♠ A 8 6
♡ K Q 7 3
◇ 5 4 2
♣ 8 6 5

EAST
♠ K J 10 7 5 4
♡ J 8 6
◇ 8 7
♣ K 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 3 2
♡ 5 4 2
◇ 9 6 3
♣ A 10 9 7

North	East	South	West
1 ◇	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT(!)	All Pass		

Opening lead – ♠ 6

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I'm approaching the age where "getting lucky" means being able to find my car in a parking deck. Luck is certainly a factor at bridge, but winning players make their own luck.

In today's deal, East's preemptive jump to two spades pushed North-South into a shaky 3NT. North reopened with a double at his second turn, and when South took out to 2NT, North quite boldly raised to game.

West led the six of spades, and East's king won. When East returned the jack, South mulled — and played the queen. He went down two when West won and led his last spade, and East cashed four more spades.

South thought he'd made an unlucky guess; but even assuming his queen won the second spade, he still needed the club finesse to make the contract.

South had to assume that East had the king of clubs, but if East held, say, AKJ10xx,Jxx,xx,Kx, he would have overcalled one spade; his hand would have been too heavy for a preempt. If South plays low on the jack of spades, he survives.

Word Force

APPOINTEE

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 10** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST

Yesterday's word:

ADMONITION

admit
amino
anion
idiom
idiot
monad
mondo
nomad
onion
timid

Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

FOR MILQUETOASTS ONLY **Solution: 6 letters**

T	A	E	V	I	S	S	I	M	B	U	S	H	E	A
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M	H	E	F	E	A	Q	U	I	E	T	N	L	H	U
P	I	D	A	D	V	M	T	C	L	B	F	E	E	L
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L	K	M	N	E	V	M	S	D	D	N	A	L	B	X
I	I	I	T	E	O	R	E	S	E	R	V	E	D	E
T	K	B	O	R	I	N	G	E	A	F	R	A	I	D
E	C	H	I	L	D	I	S	H	K	P	A	N	I	C

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Afraid, Agreeable, Alone, Avoid, Aware, Awkward, Bland, Boring, Calm, Character, Childish, Docile, Dull, Exclusive, Faint, Feel, Gentle, Hesitant, Humility, Introvert, Kind, Label, Manners, Meek, Modest, Nervous, Overthink, Panic, Passive, Polite, Quiet, Reserved, Sensitive, Small, Solitude, Startle, Submissive, Tense, Tentative, Timid, Wait, Weak

Yesterday's Answer: Rotary

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Quick Crossword

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59			■	60				■	61					
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Across

1 "Heated Rivalry" co-star Williams
7 Mountain goat with long horns
11 Pigpen
14 Boxer's punch combo
15 The whole __ yards
16 Red letters?
17 Old 45, perhaps
19 Male turkey
20 Dark deeds
21 Oscar winner Malek
22 Population fig., often
23 Hard to track down
24 Hiker's annoyance
27 Put points on the board
29 African American folk magic
30 More than wants
34 Preppy tops
35 Lucky purchase, one hopes
39 Sherri's twin on "The Simpsons"
40 "Stuart Little" actress Davis
41 Writer/editor Dave who founded McSweeney's Publishing
43 X-ray follow-up, perhaps
48 Yen for adventure
52 "__ from New York ... !"
53 Singer DiFranco
54 "__ not see that coming"
55 Desert refuge
56 Game system with Nunchuk controllers
57 "Never mind!," or what could be said about 17-, 24-, 35-, or 48-Across
59 Braying animal
60 Person named in a will
61 Orange snack puff
62 Emerald or ruby
63 Greek peak
64 Female sibling

Down

1 Watches overprotectively
2 Pioneering mainframe
3 Robert of "Killers of the Flower Moon"
4 Salon tool
5 Hooting birds
6 Neither partner
7 Native Peruvians
8 Ecosystem
9 Make more nutritious, say
10 Crossed through, with "out"
11 Stands by
12 Sound from a choo choo train
13 "Delish!"
18 Directional ending
22 Kindle unit
24 Notion, in French
25 Hanna-Barbera feline who hatched schemes in an alley
26 Greek goddess of the dawn
28 Whole
31 Rowing machine, colloquially
32 Henna, for one
33 Fr. holy woman
35 Core-engaging exercise
36 Living creature
37 Rome's __ Fountain
38 Creep (along)
39 Vietnamese New Year
42 Pie servings
44 Lists of candidates
45 Non-LGBTQ+ portmanteau
46 Fly a plane
47 "The Morning Show" actor Carbonell
49 Actor Elba
50 Small crown
51 Chi. summer hrs.
55 "Fancy meeting you here!"
56 Move like a happy pooch's tail
57 "Dexter: Resurrection" airer, for short
58 Includes on an email

B	O	B	A	■	S	P	A	R	S	■	■	P	T	S
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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Marts rally

The Dow, which added Google parent Alphabet as one of its 30 stocks, closed above 52,000 for the first time as Wall Street bounced back Monday. The Nasdaq and S&P 500 broke five-session losing streaks.

Sluggish gold

Gold and silver prices are on track for their largest quarterly losses on record, dragged down from their peaks in late January by doubts about the path of interest rates.

More privacy

WhatsApp users in the coming months will get the option of going by usernames instead of phone numbers. The app, owned by Meta Platforms, has until now allowed users to be contacted by anyone who has their phone number.

Korea chips

Rivals Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix plan to invest more than $500 billion in a new chip-making hub in southwestern South Korea as global demand for memory chips is surging.

Drink battle

The Supreme Court agreed to hear a bid by canned-coffee maker Rise Brewing to hold PepsiCo liable for alleged trademark infringement concerning Pepsi's morning energy drink "Mtn Dew Rise."

Sources: Reuters, Dow Jones, AP

COM-CASTS OFF NBC

Cable giant's split could spur takeover moves

By ARIEL ZILBER

Comcast's decision to spin off NBCUniversal is expected to unleash a fresh round of takeover speculation, with industry insiders predicting the entertainment giant could emerge as one of Hollywood's most attractive acquisition targets while also gaining the freedom to pursue deals of its own.

Investors appeared to embrace that possibility, sending Comcast shares soaring as much as 26% Monday after the company unveiled plans to separate its media and technology businesses into two publicly traded companies in a tax-free transaction expected to be completed in about a year. Shares closed at $24.20 on Monday, up 4.4%.

Under the proposal, Comcast shareholders would own shares in both companies.

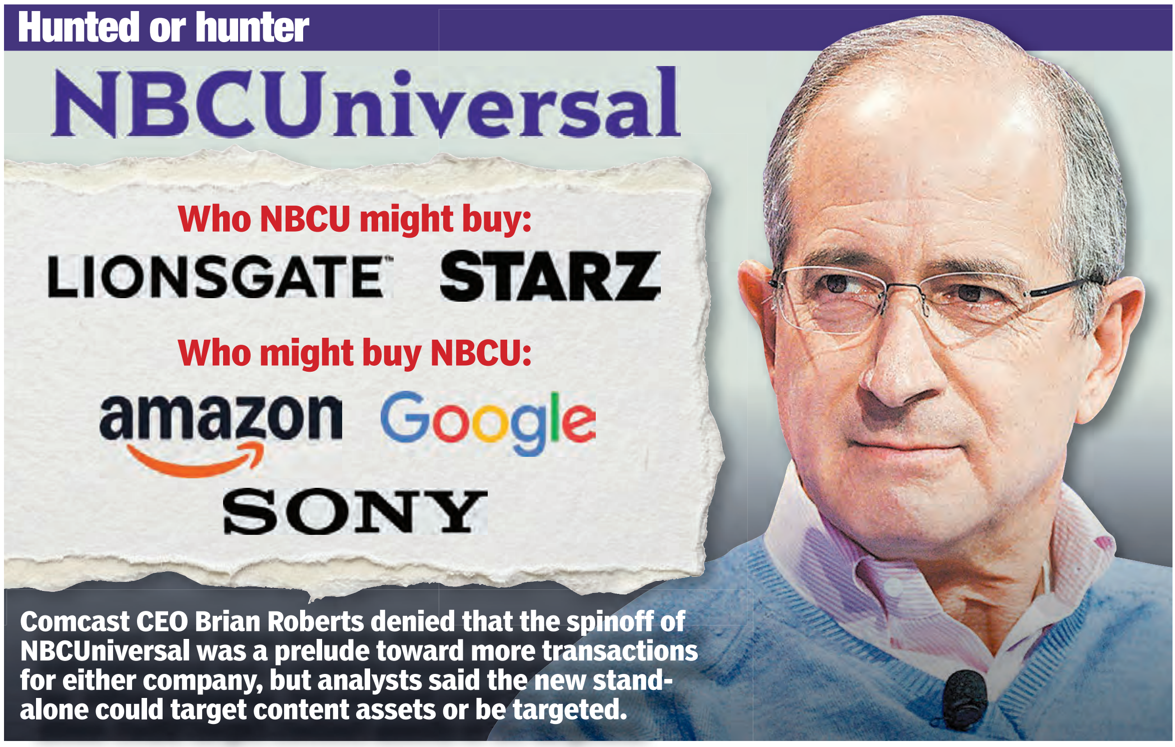
The stand-alone NBCUniversal will house NBC, Universal Pictures, Peacock, Sky, Telemundo, Bravo and the company's growing theme parks business, while the remaining Comcast will focus on broadband internet, wireless and business services.

'More nimble'

Comcast said the split would allow each company to pursue its own strategic priorities as consumers continue shifting from traditional cable television to streaming.

Derek Reisfield, co-founder of MarketWatch and a former CBS executive, said NBCUniversal's biggest advantage as a stand-alone company is that it can use its own stock as acquisition currency.

"They can be more nimble and can buy other companies using their cash and their stock," he told The Post.



Comcast CEO Brian Roberts denied that the spinoff of NBCUniversal was a prelude toward more transactions for either company, but analysts said the new stand-alone could target content assets or be targeted.

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He said NBCUniversal is likely to pursue additional content and distribution assets, identifying companies such as Lionsgate and Starz, along with European media businesses, as the types of assets that could complement its existing portfolio.

But Reisfield also believes NBCUniversal could become a coveted prize itself.

He identified Amazon, Google and Sony among the potential wild cards that could eventually see strategic value in acquiring the company, though he cautioned that any megadeal would face significant regulatory hurdles.

Comcast is playing any potential M&A plans close to the vest so far.

Asked on a Monday call whether the break-up should be viewed as a step toward "potential strategic transactions" for either Comcast or NBCU, Roberts said, "Absolutely not."

The separation will leave NBCUniversal navigating an increasingly fraught political landscape on its own.

President Trump has repeatedly blasted NBC's news programming and publicly feuded with Comcast CEO Brian Roberts, calling him a "pathetic Loser" and saying Comcast and Roberts are "a disgrace to the integrity of Broadcasting."

Roberts, however, will remain actively involved in the leadership of both Comcast and NBCUniversal after the separation, even as Mike Cavanagh takes over as chief executive of the stand-alone media company.

Kaivan Shroff, a media and cultural commentator, said he sees no evidence politics drove Comcast's decision to split the businesses but argued an independent NBCUniversal could face even greater scrutiny from Washington.

Still, Shroff said a stand-alone NBCUniversal would likely become "easier to target as a media company rather than one division inside a much larger corporation."

Rocket Lab's $8B link with Iridium

Rocket Lab is buying Iridium Communications in an $8 billion cash-and-stock deal — equipping the rocket-maker with a global satellite network and wireless spectrum in what looks like a bid to compete against Elon Musk's SpaceX.

The deal is the latest in a flurry of aerospace tie-ups involving satellite operators in the past year: Globalstar agreed in April to be acquired by Amazon, while Luxembourg-based SES completed its Intelsat buy last year. SpaceX also agreed to acquire spectrum assets from EchoStar.

Iridium — which logged $114 million of profit on $872 million in revenue last year — operates a network of 66 low-Earth-orbit satellites that provide connectivity for handsets and other equipment used by ships, mining operations, US government agencies and other customers. The spectrum rights are valuable because they can be used worldwide. Rocket Lab's purchase values Iridium shares at $54 apiece.

Iridium stock jumped 25% to $54.59. While SpaceX dominates heavy-lift launches and operates Starlink broadband constellation, Rocket Lab has specialized small satellite launches.

Marc Vartabedian

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Balk at Jill's 'bulk'y book

Former First Lady Jill Biden's memoir had a brief run atop The New York Times bestseller list before tumbling out of the rankings just weeks later, fueling online speculation that its lofty debut owed more to bulk orders than to sustained reader demand.

"View from the East Wing," which is published by Simon & Schuster imprint Gallery Books, debuted at No. 1 on the Times' Hardcover Nonfiction list June 21 with a dagger (†) symbol indicating that retailers reported some bulk purchases.

By the following week, it had slipped to No. 3, and is on a pace to fall off next Sunday's list.

The sharp drop sparked claims on social media that the 299-page book reached the top through orchestrated buying campaigns instead of real consumer demand. FiveThirtyEight founder Nate Silver was among the most prominent critics, calling such a rapid decline "very rare."

But publishing experts caution that the reality is more nuanced. Leverage with Media PR CEO Lauren Cobello said bulk purchases are a routine feature of modern publishing, particularly for politicians and celebrity authors embarking on national book tours. Biden (right) didn't respond to a request for comment. *Ariel Zilber*

Let the refunds roll

US firms rejoice over tariff reimbursments

By LISA FICKENSCHER

Their ship came in

"I never thought this day would come."

– Basic Fun CEO Jay Foreman

The goverment unleashed billions of dollars in tariff refunds to US businesses late last week. Jay Foreman, CEO of toymaker Basic Fun, said he received $6.5 million he was owed Monday morning.

Jack Forbes / NY Post Design

A slew of US companies are getting financial windfalls this week as the federal government rushes to disburse billions in tariff refunds before the end of June, sources tell The Post.

On Monday morning, Boca Raton, Fla.-based Basic Fun — maker of Tonka Trucks, Care Bears and Lite Brite — received a wire transfer for $6.5 million from the Treasury Department. That amounts to about 95% of what the toy company is owed since the Supreme Court ruled this year that President Trump's tariffs under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act are illegal.

"I never thought this day would come," said Basic Fun's CEO, Jay Foreman.

The disbursements accelerated late Friday after a period of weeks when companies complained that the refunds appeared to have stalled, said Sara Albrecht, chief executive of the Liberty Justice Center, which sued the government on behalf of five small businesses and argued its case before the Supreme Court, securing a favorable ruling Feb. 20.

The Liberty Justice Center has heard from dozens of companies over the weekend and Monday who had received their full refunds, Albrecht said.

"It has been weeks without refund news and today [the] floodgates are open," Albrecht told The Post.

The high court's decision, which said that IEEPA did not give the president the authority to impose tariffs on businesses, paves the way for some 330,000 companies to be eligible for refunds on levies they paid for over 53 million shipments worth $166 billion.

The disbursements are coming on the heels of the Customs and Border Protection's statement June 9 that it planned to transmit $40 billion into companies' accounts by the end of June. At that time, the agency, which is responsible for overseeing tariffs, had paid out $23 billion of the $166 billion in IEEPA tariffs that is owed to companies.

Basic Fun had received a $500,000 refund in April when the government set up a portal to process the claims and it is still owed another $400,000, Foreman said.

Other companies that received refunds recently were among those who submitted a claim as soon as the portal was opened, experts said.

PETA 'badgering' works

PETA has badgered a bevy of big-name retailers into dropping products made from the cruelly harvested hair of the animals, The Post has learned.

At the animal-rights group's urging, companies including Neiman Marcus, Ulta, Kohl's and Michael's quietly stopped selling brushes made from badger hair over the past couple of months.

Target began removing paint and shaving brushes made from badger hair from its website that are listed by third-party sellers only after The Post reached out for comment on Friday.

To make its case to retailers, PETA showed them a gruesome five-minute video of a spring investigation it launched into China's badger-brush industry. It shows one of the creatures being beaten and stabbed while still alive. *Lisa Fickenscher*

French 'ultrafast' fines

The French parliament passed legislation Monday imposing fines on ultrafast fashion retailers, part of the country's effort to curb the environmental impact of cheap, high-volume clothing and rein in Chinese e-commerce giants that have flooded Europe with low-priced apparel.

Shein and other ultrafast fashion retailers, alongside marketplaces such as Temu, have gained ground in France by offering trendy styles at cutthroat prices, putting pressure on the country's traditional retailers and prompting calls for tighter regulation.

Under the law, companies deemed "ultrafast fashion" face fines as high as 6 euros, equivalent to about $6.85, per product this year, rising as high as 10 euros per item in 2030. The law also bans advertising and influencer promotions by companies designated as ultrafast fashion. *Dow Jones*

Cook win a victory for Warsh

Federal Reserve governor Lisa Cook emerged victorious in Monday's Supreme Court ruling blocking President Trump's attempt to fire her. Arguably the biggest winner, however, is Kevin Warsh, Trump's pick to lead the central bank.

Warsh, who became chairman in May, enters his second month at the Fed with the question that hung over his predecessor's final months — whether a president can fire Fed governors for cause on contested grounds — resolved in the central bank's favor.

The decision gives Warsh more room to operate independently of a president who badgered former Chair Jerome Powell to lower rates and which Trump continues to favor. With congressionally imposed removal protections reaffirmed, the president's ability to pressure the new chair by threatening to fire him or replace governors around him is now sharply constrained.

"The more political support the institution, and therefore Warsh, enjoys outside the Oval Office, the better," said Mark Spindel, an investment manager and co-author of a history of the central bank's relationship with Congress and the White House. At his confirmation hearing, Warsh declined to defend Cook's position, citing the pending case.

Dow Jones

Dish DBS bankruptcy

Dish DBS, the satellite pay-TV provider under Charlie Ergen's EchoStar broadcast empire, is preparing to file for bankruptcy as soon as Tuesday, The Wall Street Journal reported.

EchoStar, which also owns Dish TV and Boost Mobile, has been struggling with $25 billion in debt and years of subscriber losses.

The Chapter 11 filing represents Ergen's gamble to clean up a massive balance sheet after a failed merger with DirecTV and months of litigation with creditors.

Dow Jones

BRIAN MOYNIHAN
Unit hit for $7.5 million.

SEC fine time for Merrill

The Securities and Exchange Commission fined Bank of America's Merrill Lynch unit $7.5 million Monday, accusing it of failing to file numerous reports meant to flag money laundering and other suspicious client activity.

Merrill neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing in accepting the civil fine over alleged failures to file numerous suspicious-activity reports from April 2020 to September 2024.

The case stemmed from Merrill's reliance on Bank of America's transaction monitoring software to comply with the federal Bank Secrecy Act, which requires broker-dealers to file SARs with the federal Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

Bank of America, headed by CEO Brian Moynihan, said it maintains rigorous anti-money-laundering practices and continually reviews its anti-money-laundering systems to detect and report suspicious activity. *Reuters*

Owens soars after buy try

Shares of Owens Corning, known for its bright pink fiberglass building insulation, jumped 15% Monday after receiving an unsolicited takeover bid from rival Carlisle Cos.

The Wall Street Journal reported that Carlisle has made more than one unsolicited offer in a deal that could be valued at well over $10 billion. Carlisle is contemplating its next move after Owens appears unreceptive. *Dow Jones*

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Josh Kushner (center) and Bob Iger (right) are thinking about starting a Las Vegas NBA team. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver (left) said the league hopes to decide on an expansion by year's end.

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Iger mulls Vegas bet on basketball

By ARIEL ZILBER

Bob Iger is said to be eyeing a new Magic Kingdom in Las Vegas: an NBA franchise.

The former Disney boss and Thrive Capital founder Josh Kushner, brother of President Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner, have enlisted bankers as they weigh a push for a majority stake in a potential Las Vegas expansion team, Bloomberg reported Monday, citing people familiar with the private talks.

No bid price has been disclosed, and the NBA hasn't yet approved a Las Vegas franchise.

The possible play would run through Thrive Eternal, Kushner's new long-term investment vehicle aimed at buying stakes in sports teams, cultural brands and other assets built to outlast the tech cycle, according to the report.

Iger first joined Thrive as a venture partner after retiring from Disney in 2022. He rejoined Thrive as an adviser after stepping down as Disney CEO in March.

Coveted prize

The reported pursuit would mark another high-profile ownership bid in what has quickly become a crowded race for one of the most coveted prizes in professional sports ownership.

The NBA's Board of Governors voted in March to formally study expansion in Las Vegas and Seattle, with Commissioner Adam Silver saying the league hopes to determine by the end of the year whether to add one franchise, two franchises or none at all.

Las Vegas has long been viewed as the leading contender after evolving into one of the NBA's showcase destinations.

The city hosts the league's annual Summer League, staged the NBA Cup's semifinal and championship games and already has an NBA-ready venue in T-Mobile Arena.

The Iger-Kushner team would face stiff competition.

The NHL Vegas Golden Knights owner Bill Foley unveiled his own expansion effort earlier this month, proposing to base a franchise at T-Mobile Arena.

Basketball Hall of Famer Magic Johnson has also been linked to a separate ownership group exploring a Las Vegas bid.

LeBron James poured cold water on speculation about his interest earlier this year, saying he wasn't pursuing an ownership bid.

Thrive declined to comment. Iger and the NBA didn't respond to requests for comment.

FREEZE BURNS SERGEY

Exits real-estate fund

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

Google billionaire Sergey Brin is reportedly among the many New York City landlords fearing more hurt from capitalism-hating Mayor Mamdani's rent freeze — seemingly dumping his stake in a real-estate fund for pennies on the dollar.

Amphitheatre LLC, an investment firm affiliated with Brin, last year sold shares in a New York real-estate fund that holds nearly 5,900 units back to its manager, A&E Real Estate, according to documents filed in December and earlier reported by Bloomberg.

It is unclear how much Brin invested with A&E — which Mamdani called out earlier this year — or how much the group paid to buy it back, though the gross value of his stake in the properties was roughly $79 million, according to records.

3rd-richest person

A&E confirmed it bought out one of its long-term investors, though it did not specifically name Brin — telling The Post the seller "was willing to accept six cents on the dollar on their original equity investment to divest itself from the New York City multifamily sector."

Brin — whose worth of $265.7 billion, according to Forbes, makes him the world's third-richest person — seemingly offloaded his ties to NYC real estate at a steep loss after Mamdani clinched election victory with promises of a rent freeze.

"The simple and deeply troubling fact for renters is that institutional capital — both equity investors and lenders — are fleeing New York City's rent-stabilized apartment sector," an A&E spokesperson told The Post.

"They understand New York is in a doom loop."

The city's Rent Guidelines Board voted in a 7-1 decision Thursday to freeze increases on 1 million rent-stabilized apartments, delivering a key tenet of Mamdani's affordability-focused campaign to a crowd of cheering supporters.

But landlords are warning it could be the final straw, complaining that they are already struggling to survive in the Big Apple following 2019 legislation that restricted their ability to raise rents.

A&E has faced foreclosure on dozens of apartment buildings and faced repeated challenges from tenant activists and housing agency lawyers — who have accused the group of running units in filthy conditions, including dangerous mold and bedbugs.

Apple updates moved up

Apple said it is pushing forward a series of software updates that would previously have been bundled with a new version of its iOS operating system, making them available earlier than in previous cycles in response to AI-driven security concerns.

The iPhone maker said it was adapting to the reality that AI is compressing the window attackers need to exploit known flaws. *Reuters*

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The purpose of this RFP is to provide Nassau County with proposals and recommendations for the provision of Youth Development services in the following communities: Glen Cove, Oyster Bay/East Norwich, Elmont, Port Washington, Hempstead, Westbury, Long Beach, Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) Emergency Shelter in Nassau County, and Countywide Services in the surrounding communities.

1. PAYMENT AND TIME FRAME
The starting date for this project will be January 1, 2027. Reimbursement will be based on submitted and approved cost per unit budgets.

1. APPLICATION
This Request for Proposals does not obligate the Nassau County Department of Human Services, Office of Youth Services to fund any proposal or to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation of any Proposal. Registered vendors can access this RFP at https://eproc.nassaucountyny.gov/Login. Application packages may also be obtained by emailing a request to Ladonna.Taylor2@hhsnassaucountyny.us. Any questions regarding this RFP must be in writing and should be addressed to:

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Executive Director,
Nassau County Office of Youth Services, Department of Human Services
60 Charles Lindbergh Blvd.
Uniondale, NY 11553
(516) 227-7115

1. SUBMISSION DEADLINE
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Sinner escapes in five-set thriller

LONDON — Defending champ Jannik Sinner had to come back from a set down twice and regain his composure following a worrisome tumble to the grass in a five-set victory over 50th-ranked Miomir Kecmanovic in the first round of Wimbledon on Monday.

A month after his French Open meltdown, the top-ranked Sinner produced a 4-6, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-2, 6-3 win that lasted 3 hours and 30 minutes in the honorary opening match on Centre Court reserved for the past year's men's singles champ.

Sinner said he was "a little tight in the beginning," noting that it was his first grass-court match of the season. "I'm happy that I turned it around," Sinner said.

Lleyton Hewitt, the 2002 champion, remains the only Wimbledon men's singles winner in the professional era (since 1968) to have lost in the first round the next year. — *AP*

Wimbledon

At All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club; London; Purse: €30,060,000; Surface: Grass; Monday (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles - First Round

Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, def. Luca Van Assche, France, 6-3, 4-0, ret.
Shintaro Mochizuki, Japan, def. Max Basing, Britain, 6-3, 6-0, 6-0.
Jenson Brooksby, U.S., def. Aleksandar Vukic, Australia, 7-6 (7), 6-1, 6-1.
Rafael Jodar (23), Spain, def. Felix Gill, Britain, 6-3, 6-3, 7-5.
Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, def. Denis Shapovalov, Canada, 6-3, 7-6 (7), ret.
Tommy Paul (21), United States, def. Alexandre Muller, France, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.
Ignacio Buse (31), Peru, def. **Emilio Nava, U.S.,** 7-6 (3), 3-6, 7-5, 6-0.
Botic Van de Zandschulp, Netherlands, def. **Aleksandar Kovacevic, U.S**, 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 6-0.
Learner Tien (16), U.S., def. Dalibor Svrcina, Czechia, 6-1, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-3.
Martin Damm Jr, U.S.. def. Marco Trungelliti, Argentina, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (5), 7-6 (2), 7-6 (5).
Daniel Merida, Spain, def. Camilo Ugo Carabelli, Argentina, 4-6, 3-6, 6-2, 3-0, ret.
Roman Safiullin, Russia, def. Andrey Rublev (12), Russia, 6-4, 6-7 (6), 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (12).
Hubert Hurkacz, Poland, def. Casper Ruud (11), Norway, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (7).
Sebastian Ofner, Austria, def. Hamad Medjedovic, Serbia, 1-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Nuno Borges, Portugal, def. **Tristan Boyer, U.S.,** 6-3, 7-5, 7-5.
Joao Fonseca (24), Brazil, def. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-3.
Michael Zheng, U.S., def. Cameron Norrie (26), Britain, 6-7 (7), 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece, def. Hugo Gaston, France, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.
Jannik Sinner (1), Italy, def. Miomir Kecmanovic, Serbia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-2, 6-3.
Ethan Quinn, U.S., def. Luciano Darderi (14), Italy, 7-6 (7), 7-5, 6-2.
Kwon Soon Woo, South Korea, def. Martin Landaluce, Spain, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.
Daniil Medvedev (8), Russia, def. Marin Cilic, Croatia, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.
Fabian Marozsan, Hungary, def. Thiago Agustin Tirante, Argentina, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.
Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Sebastian Baez, Argentina, 6-1, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 2-6, 7-5.
Dino Prizmic, Croatia, def. Adam Walton, Australia, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-2.
Arthur Rinderknech (25), France, def. Oliver Tarvet, Britain, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-5.
Felix Auger-Aliassime (3), Canada, def. Aleksandr Shevchenko, Russia, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.
Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (22), Spain, def. Juan Manuel Cerundolo, Argentina, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (2).
Nicolas Mejia, Colombia, def. Adolfo Daniel Vallejo, Paraguay, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6 (2).
Novak Djokovic (7), Serbia, def. Yibing Wu, China, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Women's Singles - First Round

Belinda Bencic (11), Switzerland, def. Mika Stojsavljevic, Britain, 6-2, 6-1.
Jessica Pegula (4), U.S., def. Darja Vidmanova, Czechia, 7-5, 6-3.
Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain, def. Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva, Andorra, 6-2, 6-3.
Iva Jovic (16), U.S., def. Jaqueline Cristian, Romania, 7-6 (1), 6-0.
Mananchaya Sawangkaew, Thailand, def. Maja Chwalinska (20), Poland, 2-6, 7-5, 6-2.
Wang Xinyu, China, def. Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Italy, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.
Zeynep Sonmez, Turkiye, def. **Ann Li (28), U.S.,** 7-5, 1-6, 6-4.
Tatjana Maria, Germany, def. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 6-4.
Alycia Parks, U.S., def. Alicia Dudeney, Britain, 6-3, 6-3.
Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, def. Harriet Dart, Britain, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.
Zhang Shuai, China, def. Bianca Andreescu, Canada, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (6).
Antonia Ruzic, Croatia, def. Darja Semenistaja, Latvia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Naomi Osaka (14), Japan, def. Elsa Jacquemot, France, 6-1, 7-5.
Claire Liu, U.S., def. Hanne Vandewinkel, Belgium, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Janice Tjen, Indonesia, def. Leylah Fernandez (22), Canada, 6-1, 7-6 (3).
Aryna Sabalenka (1), Belarus, def. Teodora Kostovic, Serbia, 6-2, 6-3.
McCartney Kessler, U.S., def. Oleksandra Oliynykova, Ukraine, 6-0, 6-0.
Barbora Krejcikova, Czechia, def. Hannah Klugman, Britain, 6-1, 6-4.
Daria Kasatkina, Russia, def. Mingge Xu, Britain, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.
Nikola Bartunkova, Czechia, def. **Peyton Stearns, U.S.**, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.
Lanlana Tararudee, Thailand, def. Lilli Tagger, Austria, 7-6 (3), 5-7, 6-4.
Anna Kalinskaya (19), Russia, def. Magdalena Frech, Poland, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Karolina Muchova (10), Czechia, def. Anastasia Zakharova, Russia, 6-3, 6-2.
Coco Gauff (7), U.S., def. Tamara Korpatsch, Germany, 6-2, 6-1.
Mirra Andreeva (5), Russia, def. Magda Linette, Poland, 7-5, 6-4.
Ekaterina Alexandrova (18), Russia, def. Panna Udvardy, Hungary, 6-4, 6-2.
Anastasia Gasanova, Russia, def. Emiliana Arango, Colombia, 6-3, 6-1.
Katerina Siniakova (32), Czechia, def. Zheng Qinwen, China, 6-4, 6-4.
Dayana Yastremska, Ukraine, def. Aoi Ito, Japan, 7-6 (1), 4-6, 7-5.
Jessica Bouzas Maneiro, Spain, def. Anastasia Potapova (27), Russia, 6-2, 6-3.
Diane Parry, France, def. Francesca Jones, Britain, 6-4, 6-4.
Solana Sierra, Argentina, def. Anna Bondar, Hungary, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.

Marlins 10, Rockies 7

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Lopez ss	5	1	2	1	0	0	.333
Edwards 2b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.297
Ruiz lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.256
Caissie ph-rf	2	1	2	0	0	0	.239
Pauley 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.176
Hernández rf-lf	3	1	1	0	2	0	.219
Stowers 1b	3	3	1	0	1	1	.228
Jiménez dh	2	0	1	2	0	1	.195
Conine ph-dh	2	2	1	3	1	1	.227
Marsee cf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.193
Sanoja 3b-rf	5	1	3	3	0	0	.266
Mack c	4	0	1	1	0	0	.250
Totals	39	10	13	10	4	6	

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McCarthy lf	5	0	2	2	0	0	.306
Moniak dh	5	0	0	1	0	2	.260
Goodman c	5	1	2	1	0	2	.245
Rumfield 1b	4	1	1	0	1	0	.294
Carrigg cf	4	2	1	0	0	1	.267
Johnston rf	2	1	0	0	2	0	.312
Karros 3b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.255
Tovar ss	3	0	0	1	0	0	.207
Julien 2b	2	1	2	0	2	0	.232
Totals	34	7	10	7	5	5	

Miami	020 040 400 —	10	13	0
Colorado	032 000 101 —	7	10	0

LOB: Miami 7, Colorado 6. **2B:** Hernández (4), Jiménez (3), Lopez (22), Sanoja (14), Stowers (15), McCarthy 2 (16), Goodman (13), Karros (15), Julien (7). **3B:** Sanoja (1). **HR:** Lopez (7), off S.Sullivan; Conine (3), off Vodnik; Goodman (26), off Petersen. **RBIs:** Jiménez 2 (3), Lopez (37), Conine 3 (8), Sanoja 3 (29), Mack (19), Tovar (26), McCarthy 2 (36), Karros 2 (25), Goodman (48), Moniak (31). **SB:** Edwards (13). **CS:** Goodman (3). **SF:** Tovar. **RISP:** Miami 4 for 16; Colorado 3 for 12. **DP:** Miami 1 (Edwards, Lopez, Edwards); Colorado 1 (Rumfield, Tovar, Rumfield).

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Alcantara, W, 9-4	5.2	7	5	5	5	3	96	4.20
Petersen, H, 13	1.1	1	1	1	0	1	17	3.22
Faucher	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	9	3.38
Fairbanks	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	19	6.84

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
S.Sullivan	4.2	6	5	5	2	5	82	8.64
Vodnik, L, 2-3	1.1	2	1	1	0	0	18	6.66
Senzatela	0.2	4	4	4	1	0	27	3.07
Agnos	2.1	1	0	0	1	1	31	7.36

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Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Neto ss	3	2	2	1	1	1	.226
Guzman 3b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.268
Schanuel 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.262
Soler dh	3	0	1	0	1	0	.223
Meckler lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.284
Siri ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Adell rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.249
Peraza 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Lowe cf	3	0	2	0	0	0	.214
O'Hoppe c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.231
Totals	32	2	8	2	2	8	

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crawford 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Rodríguez cf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.254
Canzone dh	4	1	1	1	0	1	.273
Arozarena lf	3	1	0	0	0	0	.280
Naylor 1b	3	2	0	0	1	0	.254
Raleigh c	4	0	1	2	0	2	.167
Young 2b	3	2	3	3	0	0	.260
Robles rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Emerson ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.200
Totals	30	6	6	6	2	6	

Los Angeles	101 000 000 —	2	8	1
Seattle	001 203 00x —	6	6	0

E: Guzman (2). **LOB:** Los Angeles 5, Seattle 3. **2B:** Neto (17), Lowe 2 (4). **HR:** Neto (18), off Kirby; Young (8), off Johnson; Canzone (13), off Farris; Young (9), off Farris. **RBIs:** Guzman (13), Neto (40), Young 3 (40), Raleigh 2 (23), Canzone (34). **SB:** Naylor (15). **RISP:** Los Angeles 1 for 8; Seattle 2 for 4. **DP:** Los Angeles 1 (Schanuel, Neto, Schanuel); Seattle 3 (Young, Emerson, Naylor; Emerson, Young, Naylor; Emerson, Young, Naylor).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Johnson, L, 1-3	5.0	4	3	1	0	3	81	7.40
Farris	3.0	2	3	3	2	3	46	3.93

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kirby, W, 7-7	8.0	7	2	2	1	7	100	3.81
Ferrer	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	19	2.50

T: 2:10. **A:** 37,100 (47,929).

Brewers 5, Reds 3

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
De La Cruz dh	5	1	1	2	0	2	.267
Stewart 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.254
Steer 1b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.238
Bleday lf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.242
Myers cf	2	0	1	1	0	0	.256
Friedl cf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.173
Marte rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.194
Stephenson c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.225
McLain ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.199
Arroyo 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.277
Totals	35	3	9	3	1	10	

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Chourio lf-cf-lf	4	0	0	0	1	2	.291
Turang 2b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.260
Contreras c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.298
Vaughn 1b	3	1	2	0	1	0	.339
Mitchell pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.247
Sánchez dh	1	0	0	0	1	0	.219
Yelich ph-dh	1	1	0	0	1	1	.262
Perkins cf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.159
Bauers ph-lf-1b	2	0	1	1	0	0	.264
Frelick rf	3	1	2	0	1	0	.244
Pratt ss	2	0	0	0	0	1	.211
Hamilton ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Ortiz 3b-ss	4	1	1	2	0	1	.201
Totals	29	5	7	4	6	6	

Cincinnati	100 020 000 —	3	9	1
Milwaukee	000 002 12x —	5	7	2

E: Lodolo (1), Patrick (1), Ortiz (7). **LOB:** Cincinnati 7, Milwaukee 8. **2B:** Myers (6), Stephenson (9), Frelick (12), Vaughn (13). **HR:** De La Cruz (13), off Gasser; Turang (12), off Petty; Ortiz (2), off Antone. **RBIs:** Myers (14), De La Cruz 2 (40), Bauers (49), Turang (48), Ortiz 2 (17). **S:** McLain, Hamilton. **RISP:** Cincinnati 1 for 7; Milwaukee 2 for 9. **Runners moved up:** Stewart, Hamilton. **GIDP:** Bleday, Contreras. **DP:** Cincinnati 1 (Arroyo, Steer); Milwaukee 1 (Turang, Pratt, Vaughn).

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lodolo	5.0	1	0	0	4	4	96	5.05
Petty, BS, 1-2	1.2	4	3	3	2	1	43	4.71
Moll, L, 1-6	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	10	4.15
Antone	0.1	1	1	1	0	0	9	2.70

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gasser	5.2	7	3	3	1	5	96	4.54
Patrick	1.1	1	0	0	0	2	21	3.82
Ashby, W, 11-1	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	15	3.24
Megill, S, 11-13	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	10	3.38

T: 2:52. **A:** 28,059 (41,700).

Diamondbacks 5, Giants 4

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Chapman 3b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.237
Arraez 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.326
Schmitt ss	3	0	0	1	0	0	.287
Devers 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.240
Ramos rf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.267
Eldridge dh	4	1	2	0	0	0	.285
Bericoto lf	3	1	2	0	0	0	.286
Lee ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.322
Haase c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.190
Cavanaugh ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	.286
Cox cf	1	0	0	1	0	0	.280
Gilbert ph-cf	1	1	0	0	1	0	.232
Totals	34	4	9	4	1	3	

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Marte 2b	3	2	1	1	1	0	.263
Perdomo ss	3	0	1	3	1	1	.246
Carroll rf	2	0	0	0	2	1	.276
Moreno c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.276
Gurriel dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.220
Kepler lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Arenado 3b	2	2	2	1	1	0	.243
P.Smith 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.153
Vargas 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Troy cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.232
Barrosa cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.179
Totals	27	5	6	5	6	3	

San Francisco	000 010 012 —	4	9	0
Arizona	100 031 00x —	5	6	1

E: Arenado (4). **LOB:** San Francisco 6, Arizona 4. **2B:** Bericoto (1), Arraez (18), Gurriel (7), Perdomo (12). **HR:** Ramos (5), off Sewald; Marte (16), off Mahle; Arenado (9), off Brubaker. **RBIs:** Cox (3), Schmitt (43), Ramos (21), Cavanaugh (1), Marte (50), Perdomo 3 (31), Arenado (34). **SB:** Cox (3). **CS:** Bericoto (2), Perdomo (8). **SF:** Schmitt. **S:** Cox. **RISP:** San Francisco 1 for 6; Arizona 2 for 4. **DP:** San Francisco 2 (Chapman, Arraez, Devers; Arraez, Devers, Arraez); Arizona 1 (Perdomo, Marte, P.Smith).

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Mahle, L, 1-8	4.1	4	4	4	3	3	85	5.67
Hentges	0.1	1	0	0	2	0	16	2.40
Brubaker	3.1	1	1	1	1	0	42	2.74

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rodriguez, W, 7-2	7.0	5	1	1	0	1	91	2.21
Ginkel	0.2	1	1	1	1	1	15	3.06
Garcia, H, 8	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	3	2.45
Sewald, S, 19-20	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	19	4.50

T: 2:28. **A:** 18,838 (48,359).

Men's World Cup

ROUND OF 32
Sunday, June 28
South Africa 0, Canada 1
Monday
Brazil 2, Japan 1
Germany 1, Paraguay 1, Paraguay advances 4-3 on penalty kicks
Netherlands 1, Morocco 1, Morocco advances 3-2 on penalty kicks
Tuesday
Ivory Coast vs. Norway, 1pm
France vs. Sweden, 5pm
Mexico vs. Ecuador, 9pm
Wednesday
England vs. Congo, 12pm
Belgium vs. Senegal, 4pm
United States vs. Bosnia-Herzegovina, 8pm
Thursday
Spain vs. Austria, 3pm
Portugal vs. Croatia, 7pm
Switzerland vs. Algeria, 11pm
Friday
Australia vs. Egypt, 2pm
Argentina vs. Cape Verde, 6pm
Colombia vs. Ghana, 9:30pm

Cubs 3, Padres 2

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tatis rf	5	0	1	1	0	2	.282
Taylor lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.319
Sheets ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.230
Bowen lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.129
Machado 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.186
Andujar dh	4	1	3	0	0	0	.259
France 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.260
Merrill cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.213
Bogaerts ss	3	1	2	1	1	0	.234
Fermin c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.145
Cronenworth 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.140
Totals	35	2	11	2	2	7	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	3	1	2	0	2	0	.284
Bregman 3b	4	0	2	0	1	0	.242
Busch 1b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.233
Suzuki dh	4	1	2	2	0	1	.266
Happ lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.221
Hoerner 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.243
Conforto rf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.233
Amaya c	4	0	0	0	0	3	.219
Swanson ss	4	1	2	0	0	1	.195
Totals	34	3	10	3	4	9	

San Diego	001 100 000 —	2	11	0
Chicago	000 110 001 —	3	10	0

Two outs when winning run scored. **LOB:** San Diego 9, Chicago 11. **2B:** Andujar (14), Bogaerts (5), Suzuki (11), Swanson (10). **RBIs:** Tatis (31), Bogaerts (32), Conforto (17), Suzuki 2 (39). **SB:** Merrill (18). **CS:** Tatis (9). **SF:** Suzuki. **S:** Cronenworth. **iRISP:** San Diego 2 for 11; Chicago 3 for 13. **DP:** San Diego 2 (Machado, Cronenworth, France; Bowen, Fermin, Bowen).

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Canning	4.1	5	2	2	2	3	75	7.09
Hart	0.2	0	0	0	1	1	12	4.05
Rodriguez	0.2	1	0	0	0	2	15	2.06
Morejon	1.1	0	0	0	1	2	22	3.32
Adam, L, 2-2	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	24	2.51
Miller	0.2	2	0	0	0	0	7	0.78

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Imanaga	6.1	9	2	2	0	4	97	4.30
Hollowell	1.1	0	0	0	1	2	24	4.76
Thielbar	0.1	1	0	0	1	0	14	4.24
Thornton, W, 3-2	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	12	2.62

T: 3:11. **A:** 37,607 (41,363).

ATP Schedule

H-hard, C-clay, G-grass
March 27-April 4 — Fayez Sarofim & Co. US Men's Clay Court Championship, CO (Tommy Paul)
March 28-April 4 — Grand Prix Hassan II, CO (Rafael Jodar)
April 3-12 2026 — Monte-Carlo Rolex Masters, CO (Jannik Sinner)
April 10-19 2026 — Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell, CO (Arthur Fils)
April 10-19 2026 — BMW Open by American Express, CO (Ben Shelton)
April 19-May 2 — Mutua Madrid Open, CO (Jannik Sinner)
May 3-17 2026 — Internazionali BNL d'Italia, CO (Jannik Sinner)
May 15-23 2026 — Geneva Open, CO (Learner Tien)
May 15-24 2026 — Hamburg European Open, CO (Ignacio Buse)
May 16-June 6 — French Open, CO (Alexander Zverev)

Yonkers Entries

Post time: 6:45 p.m.

FIRST: 1 Mile $18,000 FM20000CLM; PACE

1	ThatsAHugeBech	(ASegelmn)	7-4-8	15-1
2	Duck Into The Nite	(CKelly)	4-3-7	8-1
3	Disaronno Hill	(JMarohn)	4-2-2	3-1
4	Sweet Sandy	(SZeron)	3-7-4	5-1
5	Dash N Cache	(YGingras)	1-4-4	7-2
6	PembrokeSouthie	(JBongirn)	6-2-5	5-2
7	Stay Happy	(VGinsburg)	5-10-7	20-1
8	Pink Ruby	(JStratton)	3-X-8	20-1

SECOND: 1 Mile $21,000 HGW2BN4PM; PACE

1	Ragnar LothbrokN	(YGingras)	2-2-X	7-2
2	Art In Heaven	(ASiegelman)	1-4-5	5-1
3	Hurricane Express	(TButer)	6-5-7	8-1
4	All My Lovin	(JBongiorno)	5-6-1	6-1
5	Joel And The Jets	(CKelly)	3-6-5	4-1
6	Twin B Fresh Bet	(JStratton)	1-1-3	5-2
7	HalfPastMidnight	(MKakaley)	8-1-3	20-1
8	Alabama Lucky	(SZeron)	1-2-4	9-2

THIRD: 1 Mile $23,000 NW15000L5; PACE

1	Paris's Dragon	(TButer)	1-2-7	3-2
2	Udderly SweetA	(JBongiorno)	1-X-X	5-1
3	Mac's Delight	(YGingras)	5-2-2	6-1
4	Jabbar	(SZeron)	4-3-4	7-2
5	Mac's Marvel	(PLachance)	6-1-2	10-1
6	Thenu Came Along A	(CKelly)	5-3-2	20-1
7	Dunkin'	(MKakaley)	1-2-6	8-1
8	Jett Star N	(ASiegelman)	4-6-3	20-1

FOURTH: 1 Mile $19,000 CHGNW2PM; PACE

1	Whiskey Venom	(YGingras)	4-3-6	8-1
2	Ozzies CrazyTrain	(JStratton)	1-4-2	4-1
3	Farkle	(TMerton)	5-4-8	12-1
4	Sweet Joel	(MKakaley)	2-1-2	9-5
5	Dramas A	(SZeron)	6-2-4	4-1
6	EnriqueHanover	(JBongiorno)	1-2-2	6-1
7	Killer Bee Deo	(JMarohn)	4-5-6	20-1
8	Matanzas Creek	(CKelly)	5-5-5	20-1

FIFTH: 1 Mile $28,000 NW20000L5; PACE

1	Better B Bold	(MKakaley)	4-1-4	8-5
2	Taste Of Honey	(JStratton)	2-1-8	10-1
3	Mysweetboymax	(CKelly)	7-2-2	20-1
4	Rocket City A	(PLachance)	4-7-5	8-1
5	Matai Phil N	(TButer)	2-1-7	5-2
6	Boston Bound	(SZeron)	5-6-6	12-1
7	American DealerN	(YGingras)	2-5-8	6-1
8	HezaChrttpperA	(ASegelmn)	5-6-2	15-1

SIXTH: 1 Mile $23,000 NW15000L5; PACE

1	Windsun Ricky	(PLachance)	7-2-5	20-1
2	Bettor Not	(SZeron)	3-4-5	6-1
3	Zebs Krafty	(JStratton)	3-2-1	3-1
4	BondiLockdwnA	(ASegelmn)	3-5-4	5-2
5	SonOfTheSharkA	(JBongiorn)	2-X-X	9-2
6	Moment Is Here	(YGingras)	2-3-4	4-1
7	None Bettor A	(MKakaley)	4-2-3	20-1
8	Speculating A	(TButer)	8-3-1	20-1

SEVENTH: 1 Mile $28,000 NW20000L5; PACE

1	Gorgeous Big Guy	(YGingras)	1-8-1	5-2
2	Kwick Sand A	(JStratton)	2-1-9	6-1
3	Copperfield	(CKelly)	4-5-2	5-1
4	BackstreetShadow	(MKkley)	3-1-3	4-1
5	T H Tyson	(JMarohn)	1-5-2	10-1
6	Downbythewater	(SZeron)	1-4-3	7-2
7	Churchviewfrnkllr	(PLchnce)	5-3-2	20-1
8	Federer	(JBongiorno)	4-3-6	20-1

EIGHTH: 1 Mile $21,000 NW10000L5; PACE

1	SmmentsmwhereA	(YGngrs)	4-9-3	3-1
2	Gingras Beach	(CKelly)	6-3-2	10-1
3	KeayangKamikazeA	(JMarhn)	6-4-4	9-2
4	Inflation Proof	(MKakaley)	1-2-4	5-1
5	TheIdealDancerA	(PLachnce)	1-6-6	4-1
6	Rocknroll Gold	(JBongiorno)	6-5-1	20-1
7	Dele Row A	(TButer)	5-7-7	7-2
8	Bookem Danno	(ASiegelman)	1-4-1	20-1

NINTH: 1 Mile $28,000 NW23671L5; PACE

1	AyeAyeCaptainN	(VGinsburg)	5-7-5	4-1
2	Banderas	(YGingras)	7-4-2	5-2
3	Escape To America	(CKelly)	1-1-1	7-2
4	Laser Speed	(TButer)	1-5-5	6-1
5	Hemsworth N	(ASiegelman)	3-2-3	8-1
6	Soho Dow Jones A	(SZeron)	6-1-4	20-1
7	Resilient N	(JBongiorno)	2-X-X	12-1
8	Always A Thrill	(MKakaley)	1-4-3	8-1

TENTH: 1 Mile $19,000 NW7500L5; PACE

1	Huntingforchrome	(YGingrs)	7-6-2	5-2
2	Wattsup Sunshine A	(TButer)	3-5-4	8-1
3	Southwind Celsius	(CKelly)	4-6-5	4-1
4	All Alone	(MKakaley)	6-5-3	6-1
5	PromisingMment	(ASegelmn)	3-1-8	20-1
6	SweethomealabmN	(JStrttn)	5-7-8	9-2
7	Pyro	(PLachance)	7-4-3	20-1
8	Finvarra A	(SZeron)	3-7-2	5-1

Yonkers Results

FIRST-1-mile pace; 30000clm; purse $20,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 6:52 TIME-27.1; 55.3; 1:23.3; 1:51.2

4	TopvllSmbch(YGngrs)	3.84	2.38	2.20
1	Mind Hunter (S Zeron)		2.30	2.44
5	Caviart Sargent (J Marohn)			5.42

• Exacta (4/1) $4.85 • Triple (4/1/5) $29.39 • $.10 Superfecta (4/1/5/6) $8.46

SECOND-1-mile pace; ny ex 2 fp; purse $20,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 7:14 TIME-29.3; 59.3; 1:29.1; 1:57.1

3	HuntsvllsHny(MKkly)	2.70	2.20	2.10
1	Prop Bet (J Stratton)		4.80	3.24
4	Lilly Rocks (J Bartlett)			2.24

• Exacta (3/1) $5.21 • Triple (3/1/4) $11.67 • $.10 Superfecta (3/1/4/2) $2.29 • Daily double (4/3) $3.25

THIRD-1-mile pace; ny ex 2 fp; purse $20,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 7:36 TIME-30.0; 1:00.4; 1:30.1; 1:59.0

5	SpiderClare(YGngras)	42.44	6.86	2.44
2	Cheese (J Bartlett)		2.52	2.10
4	Azideal As It Gets (B Boyd)			2.26

• Exacta (5/2) $43.06 • Triple (5/2/4) $86.60 • $.10 Superfecta (5/2/4/3) $26.29

FOURTH-1-mile pace; ny ex 2 fp; purse $20,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 7:58 TIME-30.2; 1:00.4; 1:30.4; 1:59.3

2	ClearChoce(MKakley)	4.48	2.32	2.22
1	Enchante (J Bartlett)		2.58	2.18
4	Shadow Of A Girl (C Kelly)			3.00

• Exacta (2/1) $7.47 • Triple (2/1/4) $19.71 • $.10 Superfecta (2/1/4/3) $3.49 • $1 Pick 3 (3/5/2) $53.93 • $1 Pick 4 (4/3/5/2) $92.01

FIFTH-1-mile pace; nyss 2fp; purse $78,700
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 8:20 TIME-28.2; 58.0; 1:27.2; 1:56.4

1	CwbyCndy(AMcCrthy)	13.38	4.28	3.38
2	Too Pink To Pass (LTritton)		3.62	3.12
6	Huntrix (S Zeron)			4.90

• Exacta (1/2) $22.76 • Triple (1/2/6) $129.16 • $.10 Superfecta (1/2/6/3) $32.68 • $1 Pick 3 (5/2/1) $477.18

SIXTH-1-mile pace; nyss 2fp; purse $77,300
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 8:42 TIME-30.0; 59.4; 1:28.3; 1:57.1

3	Fendilicious (J Bartlett)	9.62	6.48
2	Hurrikane Schmazy (Y Gingras)		4.52
5	Wine Down Wensday (T Buter)		4.52

• Exacta (3/2) $16.11 • Triple (3/2/5) $85.88 • $.10 Superfecta () • $1 Pick 3 (2/1/3) $81.85
Scr: Seafood Delight.

SEVENTH-1-mile pace; 50000clm; purse $24,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:05 TIME-27.1; 55.0; 1:23.3; 1:53.0

6	KeayngTcoA(MKkley)	9.44	3.84	3.06
2	Bet On Big Joe (B Boyd)		2.74	2.78
5	Soho Santorini A (Y Gingras)			3.18

• Exacta (6/2) $17.17 • Triple (6/2/5) $73.06 • $.10 Superfecta (6/2/5/7) $41.21

EIGHTH-1-mile pace; invitation; purse $43,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:28 TIME-27.2; 55.4; 1:23.4; 1:51.4

4	MossdleBnN(JMrohn)	2.74	2.10	2.10
3	Soho FirestoneA(JStratton)		3.92	3.12
5	Donegal Luther N (Y Gingras)			3.02

• Exacta (4/3) $5.06 • Triple (4/3/5) $23.90 • $.10 Superfecta (4/3/5/6) $6.02 • $1 Pick 3 (3/6/4) $34.11

NINTH-1-mile pace; 40000clm; purse $22,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:50 TIME-28.1; 56.2; 1:23.4; 1:52.2

4	Himself N (Y Gingras)	2.62	2.34	2.10
6	OurmatemenkoN(MKakley)		7.46	4.40
2	Bondi Shake N (A Siegelman)			9.98

• Exacta (4/6) $13.13 • Triple (4/6/2) $103.58 • $.10 Superfecta (4/6/2/7) $113.90 • $1 Pick 5 (1/3/6/4/4) $409.07

TENTH-1-mile pace; 15000clm; purse $15,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 10:14 TIME-28.1; 56.4; 1:25.0; 1:54.0

1	SalbotHnover(TButer)	7.72	3.02	2.22
5	Alabamajamma (C Kelly)		2.58	2.14
2	Black Hawk Joe A (S Zeron)			2.62

• Exacta (1/5) $9.31 • Triple (1/5/2) $21.97 • $.10 Superfecta (1/5/2/6) $17.04 • Late double (4/1) $5.50 • $1 Pick 3 (4/4/1) $5.99 • $1 Pick 4 (6/4/4/1) $42.70

Total Handle-$407,223.

Formula One

Formula One Points Leaders Through Sunday
1. Andrea Kimi Antonelli, 171.
2. George Russell, 131.
3. Lewis Hamilton, 125.
4. Oscar Piastri, 80.
5. Lando Norris, 79.
6. Charles Leclerc, 79.
7. Max Verstappen, 73.

Beasley indicted in NBA betting scandal

By ERICH RICHTER

Malik Beasley's NBA career is up in flames as the former sharp-shooting guard has been indicted on charges for gambling related to a sports betting scheme.

Beasley is expected to voluntarily surrender to authorities this week, his attorney, Steve Haney, told ESPN. The charges stem from illegal manipulation of sporting contests involving point shaving and prop bets.

Prosecutors allege that Beasley tailored his performance around betting trends in games from 2024 when he was a member of the Bucks.

"Bribery and insider betting schemes like this one involving former NBA players and a current NBA player agent who exploited inside NBA information for profit erode the integrity of American sports and victimize the sports-watching public," U.S. Attorney Joseph Nocella Jr. said, per the AP.

The scheme allegedly involves hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the indictment named six additional people, including former NBA player Ed Davis.

Beasley was a first-round draft pick in 2016 and has total career earnings of $59.9 million.

Coincidentally, Beasley is listed as represented by "Parlay Sports & Entertainment" and agent Brian Jungreis.

Prosecutors say Beasley had millions of dollars in gambling losses and that Davis loaned him money.

To get out of debt, Davis and Beasley allegedly worked with three others to bet on Beasley, with one of the men being NBA agent Paolo Zamorano.

The group allegedly bet thousands on a Bucks-Cavaliers game Jan. 26, 2024.

In that game, Beasley played 27 minutes, going 1-for-2 from the field and scoring three points with three rebounds and one assist.

Prosecutors also allege that Beasley manipulated his performance Feb. 27, 2024, as well as March 10 and March 21 of that season.

Bettors allegedly placed money on Beasley to hit the over on his rebounds March 10, 2024, against the Clippers.

The POST Line

FIFA World Cup

Tuesday- Round of 32

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
*Norway	**$110-240**	Ivory Coast
**France	**$375-800**	Sweden
***Mexico	**$120-280**	Ecuador
*Arlington, TX, **MetLife Stadium ***Mexico City		
	Wednesday	
***United States**	**$275-700**	Bosnia & Herzegovina
**England	**$375-1100**	DR Congo
***Belgium	**$120-240**	Senegal
*game held in Santa Clara, Calif. **Atlanta ***Seattle		
	Thursday	
*Spain	**$325-900**	Austria
**Portugal	**$130-360**	Croatia
***Switzerland	**$100-275**	Algeria
*Los Angeles	**Toronto	***Vancouver
	Friday	
*Egypt	**$138-230**	Australia
**Argentina	**$550-1450**	Cape Verde
***Colombia	**$200-575**	Ghana
*Dallas	**Miami	***Kansas City

MLB
Tuesday
American League

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
YANKEES	**$119-143**	Tigers
ORIOLES	**$123-149**	White Sox
Rangers	**-105-115**	GUARDIANS
Rays	**$102-122**	ROYALS
Twins	**-102-118**	ASTROS
MARINERS	**$144-175**	Angels

National League

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
PHILLIES	**$184-226**	Pirates
BRAVES	**$135-163**	Cardinals
BREWERS	**$149-181**	Reds
CUBS	**$129-156**	Padres
Marlins	**$123-149**	ROCKIES
Giants	**OFF**	D'BACKS

Interleague

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
BLUE JAYS	**$104-126**	**Mets**
RED SOX	**$119-143**	Nationals
Dodgers	**$123-149**	ATHLETICS

Home team in CAPS

WNBA
Tuesday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
	Commissioner's Cup Final	
LIBERTY	**2.5 (174.5)**	Aces

SPORTS SHORTS

NBA: Porzingis re-ups with Warriors

The Warriors re-signed former Knicks All-Star big man **Kristaps Porzingis** to a two-year, $40 million contract, his agent told ESPN. The deal includes a player option on the second season.

● The Clippers are involved in serious discussions about a trade that would send **Kawhi Leonard** back to the Raptors, ESPN reported. Leonard led Toronto to its lone NBA title in 2019 before joining Los Angeles.

● Pistons center **Jalen Duren** plans to meet with the Lakers and Kings when free agency begins to pursue a sign-and-trade deal, according to multiple reports.

● The Spurs signed starting forward and St. John's alum **Julian Champagnie** to a new three-year, $45 million contract, securing a key piece of the core that led the club to the NBA Finals this season.

● **James Harden** and the Cavaliers are in talks about a multiyear extension after Harden declined the $42.3 million player option on his contract, multiple outlets reported.

● The Hawks have declined the $23.4 million team option on forward **Jonathan Kuminga**, ESPN reported.

● Heat forward **Andrew Wiggins** will pick up his $30.2 million player option and sign a two-year, $34 million extension with Miami, multiple outlets reported.

● Lakers guard **Marcus Smart** declined his $5.4 million player option for the 2026-27 season and will become a free agent, ESPN reported.

GOLF: Hovland takes Travelers

Viktor Hovland capped off a gritty rally when he made a 7-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole Monday morning in Cromwell, Conn., and won the Travelers Championship when **Scottie Scheffler** missed a 4-foot birdie putt. Scheffler had to make an 8-foot par in near darkness Sunday night to force the playoff.

MLB: Pirates win slugfest in Philly

Esmerlyn Valdez and **Jared Triolo** both hit home runs to help the Pirates escape an early five-run deficit, and **Endy Rodríguez** closed the deal with a three-run homer in the ninth for an 11-7 win over the Phillies in Philadelphia.

● In Milwaukee, **Joey Ortiz** had a two-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning to give the Brewers a 5-3 comeback victory over the Reds.

ETC.: Lewandowski joining MLS

Robert Lewandowski, the former Barcelona striker and Poland's all-time leading scorer, will play for the Chicago Fire on a two-year contract, pending finalization of his visa and international transfer certificate.

● Georgia catcher **Daniel Jackson** won the Golden Spikes Award, the nation's top honor in amateur baseball.

● The Canucks added veteran depth by acquiring **Brendan Gallagher** in a trade that sent the Canadiens future considerations as they agreed to retain half of the $6.5 million he is set to make in the final season of his contract.

TOP PLAY

France has this in the bag-uette

By MIKE TURAY

One of the World Cup favorites, France, begins knockout-stage play in a Round of 32 showdown against Sweden on Tuesday at MetLife Stadium.

Didier Deschamps' group opened as at +500 co-favorites with Spain to win it all.

Les Bleus looked every bit the world-class contender early in the tournament, finishing Group I with nine points and decisively defeating Senegal, Iraq and Norway.

In each win, France notched three or more goals, spearheaded by the talented attack of Kylian Mbappé and Ballon d'Or winner Ousmane Dembélé.

On BetMGM Sportsbook, Deschamps and France are -800 to qualify for the Round of 16 and -275 favorites on the three-way moneyline.

Sweden will have its hands full after finishing group play 1-1-1 (W-D-L) and advancing to the knockout stage following a draw with Japan, a result that narrowly clinched its spot among the top eight third-place teams.

The Swedish attack is more than capable of scoring. However, the seven goals scored as a team also coincided with allowing seven goals to opponents in Group F play.

A lethal French attack, averaging 3.33 expected goals per outing, certainly can exploit this welcoming defense.

France is motivated to reach this year's final after falling to Argentina in 2022. Nothing short of reaching the final weekend would be a disappointment.

Now, as they progress into the knockout stage, Mbappé is bound to deliver as he pulls within striking distance of his second consecutive Golden Boot distinction.

THE PLAYS: France to score a goal in both halves Yes (-130, BetMGM) | Kylian Mbappé anytime goal scorer (-163, bet365)

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Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026			'26 vs OPP		CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA
Tigers	Skubal (L)	–	3-4	3.32	5-5	0-1	6.00	2-3	0-2	16.1	4.96
Yankees	Schlittler (R)	(7:05pm)	8-4	1.62	12-5	0-0	0.00	1-0	1-1	18.0	0.50
Mets	McLean (R)	–	4-5	4.03	6-10	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	17.0	4.24
Blue Jays	Gausman (R)	(7:07pm)	4-6	4.36	8-9	0-1	5.06	1-4	0-2	15.0	8.40
Nationals	Cavalli (R)	–	4-4	4.00	6-11	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	13.2	4.61
Red Sox	Early (L)	(7:10pm)	7-5	3.59	7-9	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-1	16.2	4.86
Dodgers	Wrobleski (L)	–	9-2	2.71	10-3	0-0	0.00	1-0	2-0	17.2	3.06
Athletics	Springs (L)	(9:40pm)	3-7	5.52	7-10	0-0	0.00	1-0	0-1	13.0	10.38
White Sox	Fedde (R)	–	2-6	4.34	4-4	0-1	3.00	2-2	1-0	13.0	4.15
Orioles	Gibson (R)	(6:35pm)	1-2	5.64	1-5	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	13.1	7.43
Rangers	deGrom (R)	–	6-5	3.55	9-7	1-0	0.00	1-0	1-1	18.0	5.00
Indians	Bibee (R)	(6:40pm)	2-8	3.78	5-12	1-0	0.00	1-1	1-1	18.1	2.45
Rays	Jax (R)	–	3-5	3.33	6-5	1-0	0.00	3-2	2-1	15.0	1.20
Royals	Cameron (L)	(7:40pm)	4-5	4.50	4-11	0-1	9.00	1-1	1-1	14.1	7.53
Twins	Ryan (R)	–	5-4	3.18	9-8	1-0	1.50	3-4	1-1	17.0	3.71
Astros	Burrows (R)	(8:10pm)	3-8	5.48	5-10	0-1	6.00	0-2	0-1	16.0	5.06
Angels	Soriano (R)	–	8-4	3.32	10-7	0-0	0.00	2-0	1-0	13.0	5.54
Mariners	Woo (R)	(9:40pm)	6-6	4.26	8-8	0-0	0.00	2-0	1-2	16.0	6.75
Pirates	Chandler (R)	–	3-7	4.42	5-10	0-1	12.00	0-1	1-0	17.0	2.65
Phillies	Sánchez (L)	(6:40pm)	9-3	2.13	12-5	1-0	0.00	1-3	1-1	16.2	5.40
Cardinals	Liberatore (L)	–	3-5	5.56	10-6	0-1	18.00	1-1	0-2	11.1	11.91
Braves	Pérez (L)	(7:15pm)	6-4	3.00	7-5	0-0	0.00	2-0	2-1	15.1	2.93
Reds	Lowder (R)	–	3-5	4.81	5-7	0-1	4.76	0-2	0-2	16.2	4.32
Brewers	Sproat (R)	(7:40pm)	2-4	5.43	8-5	1-0	0.00	1-1	1-0	15.2	2.87
Padres	Sears (L)	–	1-0	3.18	1-0	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-1	15.2	4.60
Cubs	Boyd (L)	(8:05pm)	2-1	5.02	4-2	0-0	11.25	1-1	1-0	14.2	4.30
Marlins	Pérez (R)	–	3-6	4.41	6-7	0-0	3.86	1-1	1-0	15.0	1.20
Rockies	Freeland (L)	(8:40pm)	1-7	7.50	5-9	0-1	4.15	4-2	0-1	19.0	6.63
Giants	Roupp (R)	–	5-7	4.07	5-11	0-1	2.45	0-1	0-1	16.2	4.32
D'backs	TBD	(9:40pm)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

*** REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Let's go Mutts; take McLean

Still no invitation to the wedding of the century at MSG this holiday weekend.

The Mets visit the Blue Jays. If you are a Mets fan who made the trip to Toronto to support your favorite team, there is a straitjacket waiting for you when you get back. The Jays' Kevin Gausman has lost two in a row, giving up 13 runs in his last eight innings. Nolan McLean gave up six runs to the Cubs at Citi Field. However, he has allowed one run in his last 13 innings on the road, where his ERA shrinks to 2.85. Play $50 on the Mets.

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Socked! White Sox 8, Orioles 2. Stitch star of the game: Yennier Cano, who gave up four runs, recording one out. Back in negative territory. Down -37 donbufords.

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Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

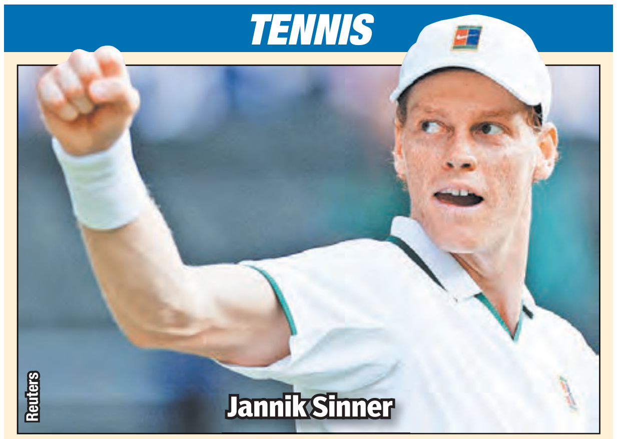
	TODAY June 30	WED July 1	THU July 2	FRI July 3	SAT July 4
	Detroit 7:05 Prime Video 660 AM 101.9 FM	Detroit 1:35 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	NO GAME	Minnesota 7:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Minnesota 1:35 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM
	Toronto 7:07 SNY 880 AM	Toronto 3:07 SNY 880 AM	NO GAME	Atlanta 7:15 PIX11 880 AM	Atlanta 8:08 Fox 880 AM
	Las Vegas 7:00 Prime Video	NO GAME	NO GAME	Minnesota 7:30 ION	NO GAME

Wednesday, July 22	Wednesday, July 22	Saturday
FIFA World Cup Break until July 22	FIFA World Cup Break until July 22	San Diego Wave FC 8:45 ION

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB BASEBALL		
7:05 p.m.	Tigers at Yankees	Prime Video, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
7:07 p.m.	Mets at Blue Jays	SNY, 880 AM
9:30 p.m.	Angels at Mariners	MLBN
WNBA BASKETBALL		
7 p.m.	Commissioner's Cup Final: Aces at Liberty	Prime Video
MEN'S SOCCER: FIFA WORLD CUP		
1 p.m.	Round of 32: Ivory Coast vs. Norway	Fox, Telemundo
5 p.m.	Round of 32: France vs Sweden	Fox, Telemundo
9 p.m.	Round of 32: Mexico vs. Ecuador	Fox, Telemundo
TENNIS		
6 a.m.	ATP/WTA: Wimbledon, 1st Round	ESPN
SOFTBALL		
7 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited: Cascade at Bandits	ESPNU
9 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited: Volts at Talons	CBSSN

TENNIS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Jannik Sinner

Wimbledon men's singles champion

NAME	ODDS	NAME	ODDS
Jannik Sinner	-160	Hubert Hurkacz	100/1
Novak Djokovic	+750	Flavio Cobolli	100/1
Taylor Fritz	10/1	Arthur Fils	125/1
Alexander Zverev	11/1	Ugo Humbert	125/1
Ben Shelton	16/1	Alexander Bublik	125/1
Daniil Medvedev	33/1	Stefanos Tsitsipas	150/1
Felix Auger-Aliassime	35/1	Learner Tien	150/1
Jakub Mensik	40/1	Lorenzo Sonego	175/1
Alex de Minaur	45/1	G. Mpetshi Perricard	175/1
Matteo Berrettini	50/1	A. Davidovich Fokina	175/1
Joao Fonseca	50/1	Michael Zheng	175/1
Frances Tiafoe	55/1	Alexander Blockx	200/1
Tommy Paul	55/1	Roman Safiullin	200/1
Rafael Jodar	60/1	Alexei Popyrin	225/1
Jiri Lehecka	100/1	Karen Khachanov	225/1
Francisco Cerundolo	100/1	Botic van de Zandschulp	225/1
Grigor Dimitrov	100/1	Brandon Nakashima	250/1

ODDS & ENDS

WORLD CUP

Tuesday

Ivory Coast vs. Norway

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Ivory Coast	+250
Draw	+240
Norway	+110
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 2.5	-114
Under 2.5	-106

France vs. Sweden

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
France	-400
Draw	+500
Sweden	10/1
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 3.5	+120
Under 3.5	-148

Mexico vs. Ecuador

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Mexico	+120
Draw	+190
Ecuador	+300
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 1.5	-158
Under 1.5	+128

Wednesday

United States vs. Bosnia-Herzegovina

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
United States	-290
Draw	+400
Bosnia	+800
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 2.5	-118
Under 2.5	-104

England vs. Congo

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
England	-380
Draw	+420
Congo	13/1
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 2.5	-106
Under 2.5	-114

Belgium vs. Senegal

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Belgium	+115
Draw	+210
Senegal	+260
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 2.5	+106
Under 2.5	-130

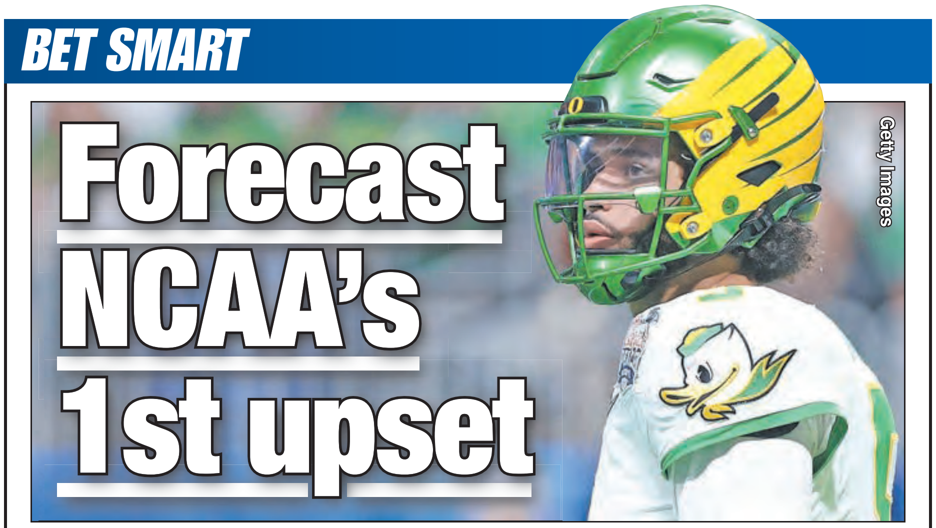
Thursday

Spain vs. Austria

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Spain	-350
Draw	+420
Austria	10/1
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 2.5	-120
Under 2.5	-102

BET SMART

Forecast NCAA's 1st upset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LOOK OUT! Oregon's Dante Moore is thought of as a possible No. 1 pick in next year's NFL draft, but he and the Ducks have work to do first. Week 2's visit to Stillwater to face Oklahoma State has upset potential for the Cowboys, says Michael Calabrese.

By MICHAEL CALABRESE

The college football offseason is entirely too long. By the time North Carolina and TCU take the field in Dublin, Ireland, it will have been 221 days since Indiana and Miami (Fla.) met in the national championship game. That much dead time can lead to a bit of groupthink. One common refrain from college football pundits is that the early portion of the schedule is light on marquee matchups and likely to produce very few upsets.

Last season featured three top 10 matchups in Week 1 alone, but if we've learned anything about college football over the years, it's that it's the quiet ones (weeks) you have to worry about.

There is one matchup with a huge point spread in the look-ahead market that has the potential to shake up the AP poll and the national title pecking order

Week 2: Oregon (-17.5) at Okla. State

Over the past 20 years, Stillwater and Boone Pickens Stadium have earned a reputation as a graveyard for ranked opponents. The Cowboys have 36 wins over AP top 25 opponents in the past two decades (10th). They've also won outright as a home underdog 40 percent of the time, placing them 10th among their power conference peers. They fared even better against the spread, covering 56 percent of the time (eighth among P4). This accounts for OSU's dreadful run across the past two seasons.

Speaking of OSU bottoming out, the Pokes' 4-20 record straight up and 8-16 mark against the spread since 2024 has created two advantageous angles in this game. The first element is recency bias. The lasting image of OSU football from last season came during a 69-3 loss to these same Ducks. That will artificially keep this point spread above 17 points. The second element working in OSU's favor came in late September when Oklahoma State AD Chad Weiberg fired Mike Gundy, making way for a new coaching staff and the sport's largest transfer portal class (55 signees, ranked 15th).

Head coach Eric Morris arrives from North Texas after leading the Mean Green to its first double-digit win season since 1977. His offense was perfectly balanced, featuring the nation's passing yardage leader (Drew Mestemaker) and the first freshman running back to lead the nation in rushing touchdowns in 13 years (Caleb Hawkins). Both have followed Morris up I-35, giving Oklahoma State the kind of firepower to catch a national power like Oregon off guard.

On the Oregon side of things, we have Dante Moore, a Heisman hopeful and a major contender to become next spring's No. 1 overall pick in the NFL draft (+400). Yet Moore has struggled a bit away from Eugene, especially when facing a quality opponent. Last season, he was masterful in blowouts and shaky nip-and-tuck affairs. In games that Oregon won by 15+ points, he completed 74 percent of his pass attempts while posting a sterling TD-INT ratio of 15:4. But when Oregon found themselves in a dogfight, Moore crumpled. In losses to Indiana (twice) and a narrow escape at Iowa, his completion percentage dipped (61 percent), his sack rate spiked (nine sacks), and his TD-INT came back down to earth (3:4).

The Pokes' new defensive coordinator, Skyler Cassity, is the kind of playcaller that can give Moore issues. He elegantly blends sim pressures, overload blitzes, and trap coverages that generate poor decisions from opposing passers. North Texas, under Cassity's leadership, picked off 15 passes last fall (14th). In 2024, as Sam Houston's DC, Cassity turned water into wine, leading one of the nation's best defensive turnarounds. He knows how to whip a defense into shape and luckily he has at least one elite unit to start with. Transfer Ethan Weslosk (UNT) and Isaiah Chisom (UCLA) are tackling machines at linebacker. If they anchor a respectable run defense, Cassity's pressure packages will bother Moore on passing downs.

Oklahoma State's cut-and-paste approach has the potential to be a home run offensively and I firmly believe Cassity is the kind of coach that can squeeze every ounce of potential out of a defense filled with new faces. At +600, I'm swinging for the fences and calling my shot on the year's first colossal upset.

Rangers get 1st look at Greentree since acquisition in Panarin trade

By CHRISTIAN ARNOLD

Liam Greentree was able to cross one milestone off his list Monday as Rangers prospect development camp began at the team's suburban Westchester facility.

Months after being part of the trade that sent Artemi Panarin to Los Angeles, Greentree was finally able to pull the Ranger crest over his head for the first time. The hulking right winger was still in the OHL when he was dealt in the Panarin deal, and this week's camp marks the first time Rangers brass gets to see in person the key piece the Blueshirts got back from that February trade.

"It's been awesome. New York is such a historic franchise," Greentree said after his first day on the ice at the MSG Training Center. "It's an Original Six franchise, and it's just really cool to be a part of it. This is the first time I've worn the jersey, so it's a pretty cool experience."

There are already growing expectations for Greentree among the Blueshirt faithful as development camp opened this week, after the 20-year-old had 74 points (38 goals, 36 assists) in 52 games for the OHL's Windsor Spitfires last season. He's had three consecutive seasons of at least 74 points in the OHL.

And following the Panarin trade in February, Rangers president and general manager Chris Drury told reporters that he valued Greentree "higher than a '26 or '27 first-round pick." Couple all of that with the fact that the winger will be turning pro this upcoming season.

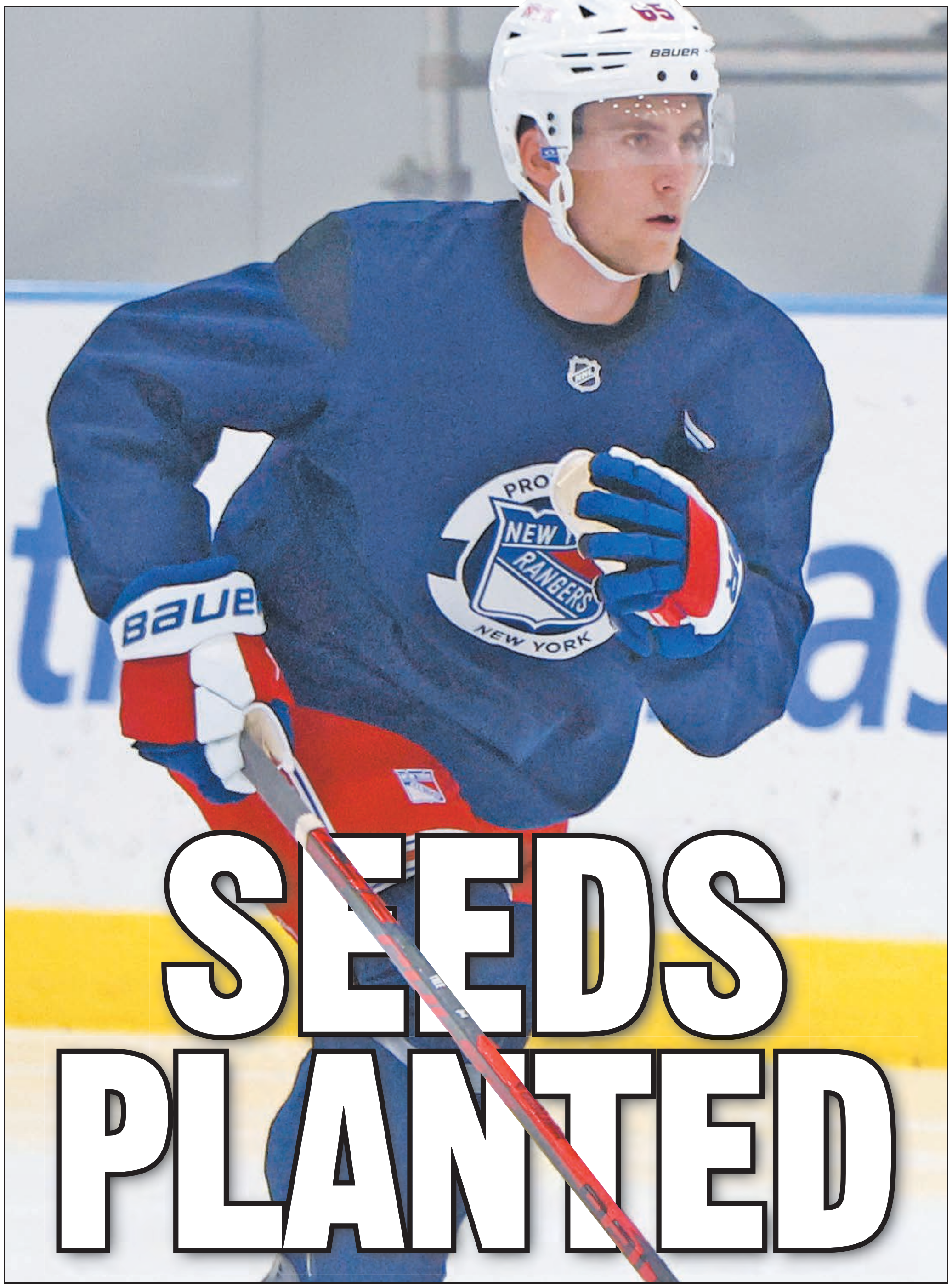
It could make any young hockey player feel overwhelmed, but the expectations don't seem to have bothered Greentree one bit.

"It's the business of it, and I've yet to play an NHL game," he said in response to a question about feeling any extra pressure. "I'm going through the process of it and trying to make my career a good one. There's a whole process to these things, so I'm trusting everyone around me.

"I want to play my game and be a Ranger one day."

Greentree described his game as that of a "big power forward" who can do a little bit of everything, and at 6-foot-2, 207 pounds, it's easy to see why he would view himself in that way.

Greentree, who was taken 26th overall by the Kings in 2024, is expected to start his professional career in the AHL with the Hartford Wolf Pack, but it wouldn't be out of the realm of possibility for him to see playing time with the big club at some point. In preparation for the jump to the pros, Greentree has been working on his skating, pointing to the "different speed" of the NHL as the biggest factor in the jump from junior hockey.



GO, GREEN': Liam Greentree skates in his Rangers sweater for the first time Monday during the team's development camp Monday at the MSG Training Center in Westchester. Robert Sabo

One person who knows what the Rangers potentially have in Greentree is fellow prospect Nathan Aspinall, who has known Greentree since they were 6. The two have been skating together in the summer.

"I think just his playmaking, goal scoring," Aspinall said about Greentree's most exciting attributes. "I think just when he gets the puck on his stick, he's dangerous everywhere, so that's something. He's an amazing player."

Greentree isn't the only prospect with eyes on him during the Rangers camp this week.

First-round pick Alberts Smits took the ice for his first time after a whirlwind weekend in Buffalo after he was taken by the Blueshirts fifth overall on Friday night.

Smits didn't go into too much on his first day as he looks to make his own mark with the Rangers. He kept it close to the vest when he was asked if he would be at training camp in September — "We'll see how it goes" — and he said he was "focused on getting to know the organization" when asked about conversations with the team about his development and path forward.

Greentree expanded a bit more about what he hopes to take out of development camp.

"I'm here to get better and to learn a lot," he said. "Try to see what it takes to make it to the next level. It's about taking everything in here and taking it to the offseason and really having a good offseason."

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Blueshirts make QO to Schneider, four others

By ANDREW CRANE

The Rangers, as expected, extended a qualifying offer to restricted free agent Braden Schneider ahead of Monday's deadline, according to The Post's Mollie Walker — ensuring that they maintain the defenseman's rights during a stretch where he could be traded as part of their ongoing retool.

Defensemen Scott Morrow, Vincent Iorio and William Trudeau — along with forward Pavel Dorofeyev, whom the Rangers acquired Friday and signed to a seven-year deal worth around $11 million in average annual value — were also extended qualifying offers.

Hugo Ollas (ECHL last season), Talyn Boyko (Liiga in Finland and AHL Hartford), Wolf Pack forward Brendan Brisson — who has also appeared in 27 NHL games for the Golden Knights and Rangers — and Massimo Rizzo, a forward acquired in the Adam Edstrom trade last week, weren't extended qualifying offers. That means the Rangers won't retain their rights, and the group will become unrestricted free agents Wednesday at noon.

Schneider — along with center Vincent Trocheck — has been one of the Blueshirts most involved in trade rumors leading up to the draft last week and now the start of free agency, with teams able to trade for Schneider's rights and then sign him to a long-term deal. But president and general manager Chris Drury wants a comparable player returning to the Rangers, according to Walker.

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Isles nix offers for trio of RFAs

By ETHAN SEARS

The Islanders didn't extend qualifying offers to any of their three NHL-level restricted free agents by Monday's deadline, indicating it's unlikely that any of Marc Gatcomb, Max Shabanov or Adam Boqvist will be back in the fold.

While an industry source told The Post that the door isn't closed on Gatcomb to be re-signed as an unrestricted free agent, the lack of qualifying offer does seem to imply he isn't in the Islanders' plans.

Alex Jefferies, Joey Larson and Henrik Tikkanen, all minor leaguers, were qualified and will become restricted free agents. Also amongst the AHL contingent, Matthew Maggio, Eetu Liukas, Tristan Lennox and Ruslan Iskhakov were not extended qualifying offers.

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AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	48	33	.593	—	—	7-3	W-5	31-12	17-21
Yankees	48	36	.571	1½	+6	2-8	L-5	22-16	26-20
Toronto	40	45	.471	10	2½	3-7	W-1	23-24	17-21
Baltimore	39	47	.453	11½	4	4-6	L-3	23-22	16-25
Boston	37	46	.446	12	4½	7-3	W-5	17-25	20-21

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Chicago	44	39	.530	—	—	5-5	W-1	28-14	16-25
Cleveland	44	41	.518	1	+1½	4-6	L-1	21-19	23-22
Minnesota	41	45	.477	4½	2	5-5	W-2	22-23	19-22
Detroit	36	49	.424	9	6½	5-5	W-1	23-21	13-28
Kansas City	35	50	.412	10	7½	5-5	W-1	19-22	16-28

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Texas	43	42	.506	—	—	7-3	W-5	19-18	24-24
Seattle	43	43	.500	½	—	4-6	W-1	23-19	20-24
Houston	42	45	.483	2	1½	6-4	L-1	20-22	22-23
Athletics	40	45	.471	3	2½	3-7	L-3	18-24	22-21
Los Angeles	36	50	.419	7½	7	6-4	L-1	21-22	15-28

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Monday

Toronto 2, **Mets** 1
Detroit 7, **Yankees** 3
Boston 6, Washington 3
White Sox 8, Baltimore 2
Texas 6, Cleveland 3
Minnesota 5, Houston 4
Seattle 6, L.A. Angels 2
L.A. Dodgers 9, Athletics 4

Tuesday

Detroit at **Yankees**, 7:05
Mets at Toronto, 7:07
White Sox at Baltimore, 6:35
Texas at Cleveland, 6:40
Washington at Boston, 7:10
Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 7:40
Minnesota at Houston, 8:10
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 9:40
L.A. Dodgers at Athletics, 9:40

Wednesday

Detroit at **Yankees**, 1:35
Mets at Toronto, 3:07
White Sox at Baltimore, 12:35
Texas at Cleveland, 1:10
Washington at Boston, 1:35
Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 7:40
Minnesota at Houston, 8:10
L.A. Dodgers at Athletics, 9:40

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	49	33	.598	—	—	3-7	L-2	24-14	25-19
Philadelphia	47	38	.553	3½	+2	7-3	L-1	23-20	24-18
Miami	45	40	.529	5½	—	8-2	W-1	28-17	17-23
Washington	43	43	.500	8	2½	4-6	L-1	17-25	26-18
Mets	35	50	.412	15½	10	1-9	L-2	19-24	16-26

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	51	31	.622	—	—	6-4	W-1	27-17	24-14
Chicago	47	38	.553	5½	+2	8-2	W-3	24-17	23-21
St. Louis	43	38	.531	7½	—	3-7	W-1	23-21	20-17
Pittsburgh	43	42	.506	9½	2	5-5	W-2	23-22	20-20
Cincinnati	39	44	.470	12½	5	4-6	L-2	19-22	20-22

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	55	30	.647	—	—	7-3	W-3	26-14	29-16
San Diego	43	40	.518	11	1	5-5	L-3	23-21	20-19
Arizona	42	42	.500	12½	2½	4-6	W-1	25-17	17-25
San Francisco	35	49	.417	19½	9½	4-6	L-1	18-22	17-27
Colorado	33	52	.388	22	12	5-5	L-2	18-23	15-29

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Monday

Toronto 2, **Mets** 1
Boston 6, Washington 3
Pittsburgh 11, Philadelphia 7
Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 3
Cubs 3, San Diego 2
Miami 10, Colorado 7
Arizona 5, San Francisco 4
L.A. Dodgers 9, Athletics 4

Tuesday

Mets at Toronto, 7:07
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6:40
Washington at Boston, 7:10
St. Louis at Atlanta, 7:15
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 7:40
San Diego at Cubs, 8:05
Miami at Colorado, 8:40
L.A. Dodgers at Athletics, 9:40
San Francisco at Arizona, 9:40

Wednesday

Mets at Toronto, 3:07
Washington at Boston, 1:35
San Diego at Cubs, 2:20
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6:40
St. Louis at Atlanta, 7:15
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 8:10
Miami at Colorado, 8:40
L.A. Dodgers at Athletics, 9:40
San Francisco at Arizona, 9:40

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Solution to Very Easy #7,325

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Solution to Difficult #7,115

Tigers 7, Yankees 3

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Vierling lf	5	2	1	1	0	1	.203
Dingler c	4	2	1	1	0	2	.262
McGonigle 3b	4	1	2	2	0	2	.284
Torkelson 1b	4	0	1	1	1	1	.214
Lee 2b	5	0	2	2	0	0	.258
J.Jones dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.140
Carpenter ph-dh	3	0	1	0	1	0	.236
McKinstry ss	5	1	2	0	0	0	.197
Malgeri rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Outman cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.168
Totals	39	7	11	7	2	9	

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Rice dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.269
Bellinger lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.284
Chisholm 2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Cabrera 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Domínguez rf	2	1	0	0	1	0	.209
Volpe ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.246
S.Jones cf	3	1	2	0	0	0	.235
Wells c	2	0	0	0	0	2	.155
Rosario ph	1	1	1	3	0	0	.258
Sánchez c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Caballero 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.249
Totals	30	3	3	3	1	13	

Detroit	140 200 000 —	7	11	0
Yankees	000 000 030 —	3	3	2

E: Caballero (7), Bellinger (2). **LOB:** Detroit 9, New York 1. **2B:** Dingler (16), Lee (6), Carpenter (5), S.Jones 2 (4). **HR:** Rosario (8), off Sommers. **RBIs:** Torkelson (35), Vierling (28), Dingler (59), Lee 2 (13), McGonigle 2 (30), Rosario 3 (26). **SF:** Dingler. **Runners left in scoring position:** Detroit 6 (Outman, Carpenter 2, McKinstry, J.Jones 2); New York 1 (Rice). **RISP:** Detroit 3 for 13; New York 1 for 4.

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Mize, W, 3-5	7.0	1	0	0	0	10	88	2.63
Sommers	1.0	2	3	3	1	2	23	3.38
Anderson	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	4.09

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Weathers, L, 3-6	1.2	7	5	2	1	3	55	4.08
De los Santos	2.0	2	2	0	0	0	29	1.04
Hill	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	9	4.02
Bird	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	14	4.62
Yarbrough	0.2	1	0	0	1	1	19	3.94
Doval	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	15	4.55
Headrick	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	9	1.58

T: 2:41. **A:** 40,506 (47,309).

Pirates 11, Phillies 7

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Griffin dh	5	1	2	0	0	1	.276
Lowe 2b	4	0	0	1	0	3	.239
Reynolds lf	4	2	1	0	1	1	.285
O'Hearn 1b	5	2	2	1	0	1	.288
Valdez rf	3	2	2	2	2	1	.289
Cook pr-cf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.154
Rodríguez c	3	1	2	4	2	0	.271
Callihan 3b	3	0	0	1	0	1	.246
Gonzales ph-3b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.295
Triolo ss	4	1	1	1	0	2	.239
Mangum cf-rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.296
Totals	37	11	11	10	5	13	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Turner ss	5	2	2	1	0	2	.235
Schwarber dh	3	0	0	1	1	1	.253
Harper 1b	4	1	1	2	1	2	.275
Marsh lf	5	2	2	2	0	3	.322
Bohm 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Stott 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.236
Realmuto c	3	0	1	1	0	0	.207
Rincones rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.111
Hill ph-rf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.241
Crawford cf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.247
Totals	34	7	9	7	3	13	

Pittsburgh	000 260 003 —	11	11	0
Philadelphia	203 000 020 —	7	9	2

E: Realmuto (5), Turner (11). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 6. **2B:** Griffin (10), Reynolds (20), Mangum (8), Valdez (4). **HR:** Valdez (6), off Nola; Triolo (1), off Nola; Rodríguez (4), off Shugart; Turner (8), off Ashcraft; Marsh (13), off Ashcraft; Harper (20), off Ashcraft; Marsh (14), off Soto. **RBIs:** Valdez 2 (12), Triolo (11), Lowe (57), O'Hearn (51), Rodríguez 4 (15), Callihan (13), Turner (25), Marsh 2 (44), Schwarber (55), Harper 2 (53), Realmuto (25). **SB:** Crawford (10). **SF:** Lowe, Schwarber. **S:** Hill. **RISP:** Pittsburgh 4 for 8; Philadelphia 2 for 6.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ashcraft, W, 8-3	6.0	5	5	5	1	8	97	3.33
Sisk, H, 5	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	14	2.23
Soto, H, 7	0.2	2	2	2	0	1	20	4.37
Ramírez, H, 5	0.1	1	0	0	1	1	16	3.69
Montgomery	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	19	4.68

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Nola, L, 3-5	4.1	8	8	7	2	5	86	6.04
Johnson	1.2	0	0	0	1	4	24	4.82
Mayza	2.0	1	0	0	1	2	35	2.79
Shugart	1.0	2	3	3	1	2	24	4.97

T: 3:03. **A:** 39,791 (42,901).

Blue Jays 2, Mets 1

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Benge rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.257
Soto lf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.301
Bichette 3b-2b-3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.251
Lindor ss	4	1	1	1	0	0	.220
Young 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.234
Ewing cf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.275
Vientos dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.209
Baty 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.208
Wagaman ph-3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.192
Mauricio ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.182
Alvarez c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Taylor pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.202
Torrens c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Totals	32	1	5	1	2	5	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Springer dh	4	1	1	0	0	3	.221
Lukes rf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.304
Guerrero 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.268
Okamoto 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.236
Clement ss-2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.299
Valenzuela c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.240
Urías 2b	2	1	1	0	1	1	.333
Varsho cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.258
Piñango lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.270
Giménez ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Straw cf-lf	2	0	0	1	0	0	.237
Totals	27	2	4	1	4	8	

Mets	000 000 100 —	1	5	2
Toronto	100 010 00x —	2	4	1

E: Ewing (2), Lindor (3), Yesavage (1). **LOB:** New York 7, Toronto 7. **2B:** Soto (8), Alvarez (7), Urías (1). **3B:** Springer (1). **HR:** Lindor (3), off Yesavage. **RBIs:** Lindor (8), Straw (13). **CS:** Ewing (6). **SF:** Straw. **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 4 (Baty, Mauricio, Bichette, Lindor); Toronto 4 (Urías 2, Valenzuela 2). **RISP:** New York 0 for 9; Toronto 0 for 6. **Runners moved up:** Bichette, Piñango. **GIDP:** Straw. **DP:** New York 1 (Baty, Lindor, Young).

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Manaea, L, 1-3	5.2	3	2	2	2	4	90	4.71
Warren	1.1	1	0	0	2	2	30	2.45
Gerber	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	9	1.50

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Yesavage, W, 4-3	6.2	3	1	1	0	3	94	3.34
Fluharty, H, 11	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.45
Rogers, H, 18	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	9	1.82
Varland, S, 17-17	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	23	0.98

T: 2:24. **A:** 41,634 (39,150).

Rangers 6, Guardians 3

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Foscue dh	5	0	2	2	0	1	.276
Jung 3b	5	1	2	0	0	2	.294
Duran rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.267
Burger 1b	4	0	1	2	0	2	.257
Higashioka c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.221
Díaz c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.288
Osuna lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.252
Cauley 2b	3	2	1	0	1	0	.333
Lopez ss	4	1	2	1	0	1	.322
Carter cf	3	2	2	0	0	1	.182
Totals	36	6	11	5	1	10	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Bazzana 2b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Rocchio ss	5	1	2	0	0	0	.271
DeLauter dh	4	0	2	1	0	1	.269
Hoskins 1b	3	0	1	0	0	2	.185
Manzardo ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Watson rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.286
Fry lf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.212
Schneemann ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Kwan cf-lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.211
Arias 3b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.217
Hedges c	4	1	1	0	0	1	.268
Totals	37	3	10	2	1	5	

Texas	000 101 202 —	6	11	1
Cleveland	000 020 100 —	3	10	1

E: Cauley (1), Kwan (2). **LOB:** Texas 5, Cleveland 8. **2B:** Jung (20), Foscue 2 (6), DeLauter (13). **3B:** Cauley (1). **HR:** Arias (3), off Paddack. **RBIs:** Burger 2 (52), Lopez (7), Foscue 2 (15), Arias (6), DeLauter (37). **SB:** Rocchio (14). **S:** Carter. **RISP:** Texas 4 for 12; Cleveland 2 for 12. **Runners moved up:** Duran, Burger, Bazzana. **GIDP:** Kwan. **DP:** Texas 1 (Lopez, Burger).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Alexander	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	16	2.55
Paddack	4.0	7	2	2	0	1	68	6.79
Ahlstrom, W, 3-0	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	13	4.09
Junis, H, 11	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	16	2.80
Latz, S, 17-19	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	17	1.76

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Messick, L, 7-5	6.2	8	4	4	0	5	83	2.85
Holderman	1.1	0	0	0	0	3	14	1.48
Sabrowski	0.2	3	2	1	1	1	18	3.13
Festa	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	5	3.89

T: 2:43. **A:** 20,379 (34,788).

Red Sox 6, Nationals 3

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wood lf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.258
Chaparro dh	2	1	1	0	1	0	.163
Tena ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.220
Mead 3b	4	0	2	0	0	2	.227
Abrams ss	4	0	1	2	0	2	.275
Crews rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.219
Young cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.221
Lile ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.248
García 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.280
Nuñez 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.234
Vivas ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Ruiz c	3	1	1	0	0	0	.278
Totals	33	3	7	3	2	12	

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Yoshida dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Rafaela cf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.283
Abreu rf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.268
Contreras 1b	2	1	1	3	0	1	.282
Monasterio 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Duran lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.197
Durbin 3b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.231
Seigler 2b	3	1	2	0	0	0	.361
Narváez c	2	0	0	1	0	1	.197
Cheng ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	.167
Totals	30	6	9	6	1	4	

Washington	100 002 000 —	3	7	0
Boston	411 000 00x —	6	9	0

LOB: Washington 5, Boston 3. **2B:** Abrams (16), Seigler (4). **HR:** Wood (21), off Suarez; Contreras (18), off Mikolas; Durbin (7), off Mikolas. **RBIs:** Wood (50), Abrams 2 (59), Contreras 3 (53), Durbin (35), Abreu (39), Narváez (5). **SB:** Seigler (1). **SF:** Abreu, Narváez.**DP:** Boston 1 (Durbin, Seigler, Monasterio).

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Mikolas, L, 2-7	7.0	9	6	6	0	3	97	5.44
Kent	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	19	4.76

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Suarez, W, 4-3	6.0	5	3	3	1	8	95	2.94
Coulombe, H, 7	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	19	4.26
Guerrero, H, 7	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	15	3.07
Whitlock, S, 1-2	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	11	2.60

T: 2:22. **A:** 32,000 (37,755).

Twins 5, Astros 4

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Larnach lf	5	0	1	0	0	1	.286
Lee 3b	5	1	2	0	0	2	.251
Clemens 2b	5	0	0	1	0	2	.237
Bell dh	4	1	1	2	0	0	.243
Lewis 1b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.214
Caratini c	2	1	1	1	2	0	.241
Kreidler cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.289
Gray ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.243
Keaschall rf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.245
Totals	35	5	8	5	4	8	

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Alvarez dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.308
I.Paredes 3b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.253
Walker 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.237
Trammell cf	4	1	2	2	0	1	.275
Smith rf	4	2	2	2	0	0	.222
Loperfido lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.212
Allen ss	2	0	1	0	1	1	.258
Vázquez c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.216
Totals	31	4	6	4	3	8	

Minnesota	000 202 100 —	5	8	0
Houston	000 010 003 —	4	6	1

E: Allen (1). **LOB:** Minnesota 7, Houston 3. **HR:** Lewis (8), off Lambert; Caratini (7), off Lambert; Bell (10), off Lambert; Smith (10), off Z.Matthews; Trammell (3), off Adams; Smith (11), off Gómez. **RBIs:** Lewis (23), Caratini (32), Bell 2 (53), Clemens (35), Smith 2 (32), Trammell 2 (11). **SB:** Keaschall (12). **RISP:** Minnesota 1 for 8; Houston 1 for 2. **DP:** Minnesota 2 (Gray, Clemens, Lewis; Lewis).

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Z.Matthews, W, 4-5	7.0	4	1	1	1	7	89	4.15
Adams	1.2	1	2	2	2	1	35	7.06
Gómez, S, 9-9	0.1	1	1	1	0	0	7	3.66

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lambert, L, 6-5	5.2	5	4	4	3	4	100	3.51
Pearson	1.1	1	1	1	1	0	18	3.38
Ullola	2.0	2	0	0	0	4	30	0.00

T: 2:44. **A:** 22,969 (41,000).

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White Sox 8, Orioles 2

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Antonacci lf	4	2	1	0	0	0	.291
Perez lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Vargas 3b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.252
C.Montgomery ss	5	1	1	1	0	2	.221
Teel c	5	0	1	1	0	3	.227
Grichuk dh	5	0	1	1	0	0	.265
B.Montgomery rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.250
Peters cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.283
Meidroth 2b	2	2	1	0	2	0	.277
Gonzalez 1b	4	2	2	3	0	1	.235
Totals	36	8	10	6	4	8	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Henderson ss	3	1	2	0	1	0	.224
Ward lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.253
Rutschman c	2	0	0	2	0	1	.252
Alonso 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.248
Basallo dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.251
Beavers rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.229
Cowser cf	2	0	0	0	2	2	.232
Alexander 3b	3	1	0	0	1	2	.297
Holliday 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.208
Totals	29	2	4	2	4	13	

Chicago	002 000 024 —	8	10	0
Baltimore	101 000 000 —	2	4	1

E: Alexander (5). **LOB:** Chicago 6, Baltimore 6. **2B:** Vargas (15), Gonzalez (2), B.Montgomery (6), C.Montgomery (15), Meidroth (15), Antonacci (11), Henderson (15). **RBIs:** Gonzalez 3 (14), Teel (6), C.Montgomery (47), Grichuk (23), Rutschman 2 (42). **SB:** Vargas (11), Cowser (4). **SF:** Rutschman 2. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 3 (B.Montgomery, Teel, Meidroth); Baltimore 3 (Alexander 2, Alonso). **RISP:** Chicago 3 for 14; Baltimore 0 for 5. **DP:** Baltimore 1 (Holliday, Alonso, Holliday).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Burke	5.1	4	2	2	3	8	89	3.69
Murphy	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	12	4.41
Taylor, W, 4-1	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	24	2.70
Eisert	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	17	4.98

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Baz	7.0	4	2	2	4	6	109	4.19
Wolfram, L, 1-2	0.2	1	2	2	0	1	24	3.96
Garcia	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	6	2.60
Cano	0.1	4	4	2	0	0	16	2.67
Walker	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	11	3.86

T: 2:57. **A:** 17,146 (45,971).

Dodgers 9, Athletics 4

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani dh	5	1	2	3	0	1	.297
Pages cf	5	1	2	2	0	2	.269
Freeman 1b	5	0	2	1	0	0	.290
Betts ss	5	0	1	0	0	0	.235
T.Hernández lf	5	1	2	0	0	3	.280
Tucker rf	4	1	2	0	1	1	.242
Muncy 3b	5	1	2	2	0	1	.265
Rojas 2b	3	2	2	0	0	0	.277
Freeland ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.231
Rushing c	4	2	2	1	1	1	.247
Totals	43	9	17	9	2	10	

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Bolte cf	5	0	1	1	0	0	.295
Langeliers c	5	0	0	0	0	2	.263
Kurtz 1b	4	0	1	0	1	1	.279
Heim dh	5	0	1	0	0	1	.236
Thomas lf	3	1	2	1	0	0	.221
Cortes ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Meneses ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.091
Butler rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.201
Muncy 3b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.234
Williams ss	3	1	2	0	0	0	.302
McNeil ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Kuroda-Grauer 2b-ss	4	1	3	1	0	0	.750
Totals	38	4	11	3	3	7	

Los Angeles	020 303 010 —	9	17	0
Athletics	030 000 001 —	4	11	0

LOB: Los Angeles 9, Athletics 10. **2B:** Rojas (7), Kuroda-Grauer (1). **HR:** Muncy (17), off Jump; Pages (16), off Jump; Ohtani (18), off Krook; Thomas (3), off Lauer. **RBIs:** Muncy 2 (37), Rushing (24), Pages 2 (60), Ohtani 3 (50), Freeman (46), Thomas (8), Kuroda-Grauer (1), Bolte (13). **SB:** Bolte (11). **RISP:** Los Angeles 5 for 14; Athletics 2 for 11. **DP:** 1 (Williams, Kuroda-Grauer, Kurtz).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lauer, W, 4-5	6.0	9	3	3	1	2	95	4.84
Hurt	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	15	3.58
J.Hernández	1.1	2	1	1	1	1	30	8.15
Dreyer	0.2	0	0	0	1	1	12	3.51

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Jump, L, 3-2	4.2	11	5	5	0	5	91	2.92
Krook	0.1	2	3	3	1	1	18	17.18
Sterner	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	15	3.96
Morris	3.0	3	1	1	1	2	51	12.86

T: 3:05. **A:** 12,394 (14,014).

‘I CHOSE TO FIGHT’: Chris Johnson, who played one of his 10 NFL seasons with the Jets and in 2009 became the sixth player in history with 2,000 rushing yards in a season while with the Titans, shared his ALS diagnosis on “Good Morning America” on Monday. AP; Good Morning America

ALS SHOCKER

Former NFL star Johnson, 40, reveals Lou Gehrig’s diagnosis

By ERICH RICHTER

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FORMER NFL RUNNING BACK
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Former NFL star Chris Johnson shockingly revealed Monday that he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) last year when he was 39 years old.

Johnson, the former Titans workhorse and one-time Jets running back, shared the news during an appearance on “Good Morning America” through a speech-generating device using his recorded voice, as the disease has already stolen his ability to speak.

“There’s no history of ALS in my family,” Johnson, now 40, shared in an interview with Michael Strahan. “My doctors believe my case is what’s called sporadic ALS, which is actually how the vast majority of ALS cases happen.”

“That’s one of the reasons this disease can be so shocking,” he added. “It can happen to someone who never expected it.”

When asked about the diagnosis, Johnson said he would fight through it.

“Honestly, I don’t know if you ever fully process it,” Johnson said. “At first, you’re in shock. Then you realize you have two choices. You can give up, or you can fight. I chose to fight.”

Johnson says that his disease reared its ugly head when he was spending time with his wife, Brittany, and four kids, as he felt his right hand going a bit weaker than normal.

“At first, it was little things like my grip didn’t feel right, and I wasn’t as strong as I’ve always been.”

The Johnson family revealed that they had expected the issue to be related to his lengthy football career, as he was drafted in the first round in 2008 and had a 10-year NFL career after playing throughout his youth.

“I thought because of football and, you know, his career, that it had to be something with that,” Brittany told Strahan. “Maybe ... a pinched nerve or something along those lines but never ALS.”

Those afflicted with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, have an average life expectancy of three to five years, with about 10 percent of those diagnosed surviving for 10 or more years.

From here, Johnson and his wife have chosen to undergo experimental treatments to help advance trials of new options for patients.

“It’s continued to progress much faster than I ever imagined. I want people to understand just how quickly ALS can attack your body,” Johnson admitted. “Just over a year ago, I was picking up my 7-year-old daughter so she’d make a wish with her birthday cake. Today, I couldn’t do that.”

Johnson starred for the Titans for his first six seasons, winning Offensive Player of the Year in 2009 after running for 2,006 yards and 14 touchdowns with 50 catches, 503 yards and two additional scores.

The three-time Pro Bowler spent one year with the Jets in 2014 and played three seasons with the Cardinals to end his NFL career, which saw him run for 9,651 yards and 55 touchdowns.

“Our entire Jets family is with you, @ChrisJohnson28. Sending strength and support as you face this challenge,” the Jets wrote on X.

Johnson says while ALS has changed his body, it hasn’t changed who he is.

“People sometimes look at the physical disability and assume you’re not still the same person inside,” he said. “I still think the same. I still dream. I still love my family. My body just doesn’t cooperate.”

Johnson praised his wife for not leaving his side and his kids for helping him push through.

“They give me a reason to keep going,” he said.

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Semien gone 4-6 weeks or more

By MIKE PUMA

TORONTO — Marcus Semien’s absence from the Mets will be an extended one.

The Post’s Jon Heyman reported Monday that the veteran second baseman, who was placed on the injured list in recent days with a left hip flexor strain, will miss four to six weeks, minimum.

METS NOTES

Semien’s injury was a Grade 3 strain; he tried to play through it before it severely limited his movement.

“He’s got a little bit of time before he’s back on the field with us,” interim manager Andy Green said before the Mets fell 2-1 to the Blue Jays.

➤ **Luis Robert Jr.** is scheduled to begin a minor league rehab assignment Tuesday with Triple-A Syracuse. The veteran outfielder has been on the injured list since April 27 with a lumbar disc spine herniation.

➤ **Tobias Myers** was optioned to Syracuse and **Joey Gerber** recalled to give the Mets a fresh arm in the bullpen. Myers, who owns a 14.54 ERA this month, allowed three earned runs over three innings against the Phillies on Sunday — a fourth straight shaky appearance.

Green said rather than stretch out Myers as a starter in the minors, the goal is to “stack innings” before he returns.

“He has the ability to win south of the strike zone and he struggled to get pitches down there [Sunday],” Green said. “If he does that, he will pitch meaningful innings for us, and whether that’s in starting capacity or relief is not determined yet.”

Gerber pitched a scoreless eighth Monday night with a pair of strikeouts.

➤ The Mets have **Nolan McLean** and **Freddy Peralta** lined up to start the final two games of this series before Thursday’s off day. The rookie McLean was tagged for six earned runs over six innings last week against the Cubs, but Green said he is not concerned about the right-hander.

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‘LEARN’ THE WAY

Giants rookie Mauigoa putting in work early

GATHERING DATA: Jermaine Eluemunor said Giants rookie Francis Mauigoa (left, talking with Joshua Ezeudu) asks questions and is trying to learn all he can. “A really hard worker and doesn’t take BS from anyone,” Eluemunor said. Noah K. Murray

By PAUL SCHWARTZ

There is no truth to the rumor that Mike Bloomgren grabbed the card, scribbled in the name of his heart’s desire, and demanded the card be submitted when the Giants were on the clock for the No. 10 pick in the draft.

None of that. But close.

“I can tell you, no one in the building could’ve been more excited than I was,” Bloomgren told The Post.

That is easy to believe.

Bloomgren is entering his first season as the Giants’ offensive line coach and the starting lineup he inherits is fairly well-stocked. There is, most importantly, a left tackle (Andrew Thomas), a right tackle (Jermaine Eluemunor), a center (John Michael Schmitz) and a returning left guard (Jon Runyan Jr.). There was not an established or young rising player readily available to fill the right guard spot. Now there is, after the Giants selected Sisi Mauigoa, who started at right tackle at Miami and was immediately moved to right guard as he embarked on his pro career.

“I think it’s a huge addition,” Bloomgren said. “You get an opportunity to evaluate all these guys in the draft and when you have one that you feel is head and shoulders above and you get the opportunity to actually work with him you’re gonna be excited.”

Bloomgren has a wife and two sons and, suddenly, that foursome seems to have grown by one with the addition of a 335-pound young man.

“My kids think he’s their third brother,” said Bloomgren, new head coach John Harbaugh’s choice to replace the popular Carmen Bricillo. “We’re committed to Sisi and treat him like family and we’re so glad he’s in the building.”

The early — very early — returns are encouraging. Mauigoa in his first interview after the Giants took him in the first round made an instant impression by declaring, “I’m ready to die for you, bro” when asked about protecting quarterback Jaxson Dart.

The veterans on the line took notice that the 21-year-old American Samoan arrived and did not make much noise, preferring to listen rather than talk.

“He just wants to learn,” Eluemunor said. “He asks a bunch of questions. He’ll watch film, he’ll ask me a question about this, or a set and he’ll ask for my opinion and be talking to Runyan, be talking to Schmitz but he’s also a really confident guy. A really hard worker and doesn’t take BS from anyone.”

That last part is important. Mauigoa appears to be fun-loving, but he was a manhandler in college. This past spring, as Eluemunor and outside linebacker Brian Burns were tangling on the field, Mauigoa could be seen supporting his linemate by getting in Burns’ face. He did the same with Abdul Carter. These were nonpadded practices and thus no real hitting. The attitude was real, though.

“Let them know that when we put pads on and if it was a game, he would be waiting for him right there, waiting for him to spin back inside so he can smack him,” Eluemunor said. “It’s like that young-guy energy that you kind of feed off.”

That exuberance at times is a bit misplaced, which is understandable, considering Mauigoa is undergoing a position change. More than once, Mauigoa hustled into the offensive huddle and stationed himself outside of Eluemunor instead of where he was supposed to be — between Schmitz and Eluemunor.

“I’m like ‘Shoot, what am I doing?’ ” Mauigoa said. “There’s times like that.”

There is a different approach on the inside and that will develop with time on task.

“As a guard you’re really focusing on the depth of the pocket, you don’t want to lose that,” Mauigoa said. “That’s the mindset you got to have. As a tackle you are responsible for the width of the pocket.”

The Giants believe Mauigoa is nimble enough, despite his massive size, to get out and pull on certain running plays. He is all for it.

“I feel like the second level is where I display my athleticism,” he said.

Mauigoa’s offensive line coach at Miami was Alex Mirabal and Bloomgren says “nobody is doing it better in college football than Alex.”

That tutoring has revealed itself.

“Yes, he’s a rookie, of course, and you’re always scared to death of freshmen in college and rookies in the NFL,” Bloomgren said. “It’s like the old, scary movies. You tell her not to go around the corner and she still does. And there’s going to be some incidents like that. ... But the thing Sisi’s doing a great job of is not making the same mistake twice.”

The more demanding tests come at the end of July, when the Giants report to training camp in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, and soon after, when the pads come on and the hitting commences. Then Mauigoa will get further indoctrinated in the nuances of playing right guard in the NFL.

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Ex-Jets GM on Geno: If cleared of wrongdoing, he’ll be ‘O’ weapon

By ALEX MITCHELL

The Jets may reach cruising altitude in 2026 despite recent dramatic accusations of quarterback Geno Smith battering his ex-girlfriend, former general manager Mike Tannenbaum says.

“They’re in the information-gathering stage, and we’ll see what happens, and he’s been a good player for a long time,” Tannenbaum told The Post.

“We’ll see what happens with the process, but I thought they’ve had a very good offseason,” he added while at the “Big Daddy” Celebrity Golf Classic at Huntington Country Club on Long Island.

Smith’s ex-girlfriend alleged on a 911 call that he “beat me up” at a house in Davie, Fla., where police responded earlier in June and are still actively investigating the incident.

The Gang Green GM from 2006 to 2012 is confident in the Jets also doing “thorough” due diligence, from the front office to coaches and security, to “let the process take care of itself.”

Should the veteran be cleared of wrongdoing, Tannenbaum predicts Smith will be a weapon on the offense.

“I think when you look at how well he’s played last year, notwithstanding, he could come in and play certainly at a good level,” said the front office executive turned ESPN insider.

Smith threw for 3,025 yards and 19 touchdowns with Las Vegas in 2025 before being traded to the Jets in March, where he started his career from 2013 to 2016.

Tannenbaum wouldn’t put numbers on things, but is optimistic the team’s next campaign could be much more satisfactory than the Jets’ dismal 3-14 showing last season.

“I think they’re going the right direction,” he said, praising the “outstanding” offensive line with tackles Armand Membou and Olu Fashanu.

“Show me your quarterback, I’ll show you a good offensive line. To me, it always starts there,” he said.

He’s also a fan of how the Jets have drafted, saying “they’re building it the smart way long term.”

“To have three first-round picks, arguably two years in a row, that is really, really rare,” Tannenbaum said.

“I think they brought back the right types of guys, like the Demario Davises of the world,” he added of the 37-year-old linebacker readying for his third stint with the Jets.

Mixing “great leaders” like Davis with “good young talent, guys like Garrett Wilson” is the recipe to get the Jets airborne finally, Tannenbaum believes.

“It doesn’t happen overnight,” he said. “And sometimes you have to be patient.”

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‘SHOCK THE WORLD’

WHY NOT US? The latest Nets lottery pick, Mikel Brown Jr., does some dribbling during a clinic with local Brooklyn kids after his introductory news conference Monday. With a mix of veterans like Julius Randle and Michael Porter Jr., and seven first-rounders from the past two drafts, Brown thinks his Nets team will “shock the world.” Corey Sipkin

First-rounder Brown pictures Nets’ careful concoction of vets & kids surprising NBA

By SPENCER BROD

The Nets may have won just 20 games last season, but their newcomers are already bringing a winning mindset into the building.

At the Nets rookie news conference and basketball clinic Monday afternoon, sixth overall pick Mikel Brown Jr. said he recently spoke with veteran Julius Randle and that the team plans to “shock the world” next season by winning more than people expect.

“[Randle] said it best, man, we’re gonna shock the world with our competitiveness or trying to bring that winning culture,” Brown said. “It’s gonna take day by day, step by step, just getting 1 percent better every day. I think that just goes a long way.”

While Brown didn’t get to attend the Knicks championship parade June 13, he said he’s inspired by what the Nets’ crosstown rivals recently accomplished and hopes he can bring a title to Brooklyn.

“It’s a dream to win a world championship. [The Knicks] just cemented history forever, that’s the goal,” Brown said. “And it shows you what it could be like in this city. Obviously we would love to have it here on the other side of the bridge. That’s what we’re trying to strive for.”

If the Nets hope to shock the world next season, whether it’s a playoff appearance or just substantial improvement, there’s a chance their success may be similar to when Randle surprisingly led the Knicks to the playoffs in 2021.

The Knicks were coming off a dreadful 21-45 season with little hope, but with first-year head coach Tom Thibodeau at the helm, the team defied odds and went 41-31, earning the fourth seed in the Eastern Conference.

A large part of that success was due to Randle’s heroics, as he earned Second Team All-NBA honors after averaging 24.1 points.

And just like he is with the Nets now, he was surrounded by plenty of young talent with the Knicks in players like RJ Barrett, Obi Toppin and Immanuel Quickley.

“It makes me proud that we all want to win right away,” Nets rookie Joshua Jefferson said. “We’re not going to be satisfied with losing or playing below our standards, so that’s the thing that’s going to be big for us, playing above our standard and competing every night.”

“I think that’s great,” 43rd pick Tyler Bilodeau said of the Nets’ desire to shock the world. “That’s what it’s all about. I think we have the tools to do that.”

After the Kevin Durant-Kyrie Irving-James Harden era ended without a conference finals appearance and with constant turmoil, the Nets have ushered in a youth movement the last two offseasons.

In 2025, the Nets had five first-round picks and kept them all, drafting Egor Dëmin, Nolan Traore, Drake Powell, Ben Saraf and Danny Wolf.

With Brown and Jefferson, they added two more first-rounders in 2026.

But simultaneously, general manager Sean Marks is also trying to stay competitive — evident by adding veterans Michael Porter Jr. and most recently, Randle.

For Marks, having both several young players and multiple veterans is all about balance and ensuring the rookies and sophomores develop well.

“I think it’s important to surround this group of young rookies and our sophomores with the right type of veterans, right?” Marks said. “Hopefully these vets that come in are pros. They know the habits we have, and this is how you get to where you have a 15-year career. So learning from them is going to be really important.”

“Learning from the sophomores, that’s important. They felt what it feels like to play an NBA game,” Marks said of the rookies’ development. “I think it was 6,400 minutes [that the Nets rookies played last year], which is all kinds of records for rookies to be able to play that, but that’s exactly what we hoped to do last year.”

Marks added that the Nets rookies will get solid self-motivation when seeing the physicality and speed of actual NBA players.

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Traore to sit summer league

By SPENCER BROD

Nets fans will need to wait a little longer to see Nolan Traore back in action.

General manager Sean Marks announced Monday that Traore recently had a scope on his right knee after he suffered an injury last season and won’t be playing in any summer league games.

While the 20-year-old won’t be participating in the summer league, Marks said he expects the guard to make a full recovery and be ready for training camp in the fall.

Traore was one of the Nets’ five first-round picks in 2025 and had an up-and-down rookie campaign, averaging 8.9 points while shooting just 38 percent from the field.

NETS NOTES

➤ In addition to trading for **Julius Randle**, the Nets locked up **Josh Minott**, **Day’Ron Sharpe** and **Malachi Smith**.

The Nets inked Sharpe to a two-year, $20 million deal after he spent the first five years of his career in Brooklyn. Sharpe averaged a career-high 8.7 points last season in just seven starts but will have more opportunity this season with **Nic Claxton**’s departure.

Minott, who averaged 10.8 points per game last season after coming over from the Celtics, is staying with the Nets on a two-year, $9 million contract.

The Nets also exercised their team option on guard **Malachi Smith**, who started four games and averaged 8.3 points last year.

➤ Marks also spoke about the Nets’ current state after winning just 20 games last season and how he anticipates next season being another step in the team’s rebuild.

“I think we continue to take the next steps and continue to build. I never want to put a cap on any of these teams,” Marks said. “Go out there, roll the ball out, and we’ve seen it before many years ago, when all of a sudden these guys feed off each other, the energy is palpable in the gym, and that’s important.

“We start establishing a real culture, and these guys are grinding and competing not only in practice, but they’re competing out there on the court, and that’s what I want to see.”

Even with many around the league having low expectations for the Nets next season, their rookies are confident the team can “shock the world” and win more games than people expect.

LeBron's last dance?

Planets aligning for King's possible final act with Warriors

POWER COUPLE: Two all-time greats could be drawn together, as signs are pointing to LeBron James finishing his career with Stephen Curry in San Francisco. AP

Melissa Rohlin

AHEAD of a big storm, there are signs. The temperature drops. Clouds gather. The air feels different.

When it comes to the NBA, something similar is happening.

For the past few weeks, there has been an eerie silence around LeBron James, who has been the center of the NBA's universe for two decades. Initial talks with the Lakers went nowhere. James has apparently gone radio silent.

It's the quiet before the storm.

On Monday, the warning alarms were blaring.

Draymond Green declined his $27.7 million player option with the Warriors to become a free agent. His motive is clear. If Green re-signs with the Warriors for less money, they'd have the financial flexibility to offer James the $15.1 million non-taxpayer midlevel exception.

To increase the atmospheric pressure, the Warriors are pursuing a deal to acquire Anthony Davis from the Wizards in exchange for Jimmy Butler, whose salaries ($58.5 million and $56.8 million, respectively) are nearly identical.

The Warriors also have four unprotected first-round picks they could use to sweeten the pot on a trade involving Butler, who's recovering from a torn ACL, though it's unclear how much of their future they'd be willing to leverage for this.

James and Davis won a championship together in 2020. They're good friends. They spent 5 ½ seasons together.

In other words, the Warriors are putting together a full-frontal blitz to lure James from Los Angeles, where he has spent the last eight years, his longest consecutive stretch in any city over his 23-season career.

This is the once-in-a-lifetime storm no one saw coming. It was talked about. It was imagined. But no one actually thought it could make landfall.

Not even James, who said on his 40th birthday that retiring with the Lakers "would be the plan."

Not even Green, who told the California Post last season, "I've always wanted to [play with James]," but added, "I don't see a path to it."

The weather has shifted. The perfect conditions were created. And now it's time to brace for impact.

For James, going to the Lakers makes the most sense for his brain, but going to the Warriors would make the most sense for his heart.

With the Lakers, he could earn the most money, say, something in the ballpark of $25 million to $35 million. His family lives in Los Angeles. He arguably has the best chance to win a championship alongside the 27-year-old Luka Doncic.

But if he chooses the Warriors, he'd finally be rid of the omnipresent awkwardness that hung over LA's locker room like a dark cloud after they made Doncic their priority.

If he chooses the Warriors, it would wash away the resentment of having to nickel-and-dime with a Lakers franchise he led to its first championship in 10 years.

With Golden State, everything would be clean. There would be no pollution. Everything would be untainted.

Golden State is where he'd have the most fun. James has said Steph Curry is the player he'd most like to play alongside. James and Green are so close that they call each other brothers. James and Davis would be reunited after "The Trade" pulled the rug out from under them.

Sure, the Warriors would be fielding a geriatric starting lineup next season with James turning 42, Curry turning 39, Green turning 37 and Davis turning 34.

But they're all winners. There's enough institutional knowledge there to take over the league with their creaky bodies. No one would want to face them in the postseason.

They'd be a walking ad for muscle relaxants. They'd be the Old Men and the Sea, if you will. They'd be so much fun.

Ten years ago, NBA commissioner Adam Silver would've probably had to figure out a legal way to block James from teaming up with Curry. But now, that would be a fascinating experiment. Could the league's biggest legends overtake the young bucks?

James has already started leaning into that narrative.

His obsession is golf. Since the season ended, he has allowed his beard to turn gray. He's somehow both a 65-year-old retiree and an elite athlete with two percent body fat who can still single-handedly lead a Lakers team past the Rockets in the playoffs.

In other words, he's unpredictable. This could be the version of a midlife crisis for arguably the greatest player of all time.

Perhaps at this point in his career, chasing happiness is more important than chasing championships. Perhaps joining the enemy would be his path to the most joy.

James played the Warriors in four straight Finals from 2015 to 2018. He called himself the greatest player of all time after leading the Cavaliers to overcome a stunning 3-1 series deficit against them en route to the franchise's first championship. The Warriors have been his ultimate measuring stick.

Now they could become something else.

His final act.

Everything we thought we knew could be about to change.

The water is receding. The tidal wave is building. The Western Conference could look very different next year.

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Grizzlies finally deal beleaguered Morant to Portland

By CHRISTIAN ARNOLD

Two-time NBA All-Star and one of the league's most controversial players off the court, Ja Morant, was traded by the Grizzlies on Monday.

Morant was dealt to the Trail Blazers, uniting him with Portland stars Damian Lillard, Jrue Holiday and Scoot Henderson, in exchange for Jerami Grant and Kris Murray, ESPN's Shams Charania first reported.

The deal ends a turbulent tenure for Morant in Memphis, where he became a household name while simultaneously finding himself in increasingly significant trouble due to gun-related incidents off the court as well as injury issues. Morant appeared in just 79 games over the past three seasons due to suspensions and injuries.

At his best, Morant is one of the top players in the NBA, and his early career reflected the talent that he possesses.

He won Rookie of the Year and Most Improved Player in his first two seasons in the NBA, which included a 2021-22 season in which he averaged 27.4 points, 6.7 assists, 5.7 rebounds and 1.2 steals per game.

Morant was named to the NBA All-Star Game in 2022 and 2023, as well as earning All-NBA Second Team honors in 2021-22.

But things quickly turned for him in 2023, when, in March of that year, Morant was suspended for eight games for conduct detrimental to the league and then started the 2023-24 season with a 25-game ban.

Both stemmed from Morant flashing a firearm on livestreams on his social media.

He was also suspended for one game by the Grizzlies after an incident in November with head coach Tuomas Iisalo following a loss to the Lakers.

Now with Morant and the remaining two years and $87 million left on his contract gone, the Grizzlies have disbanded the core group of players that was once the cornerstone of the franchise, which included Desmond Bane and Jaren Jackson Jr.

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Collision puts Jazz in concussion protocol

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

An eventful few days for Jazz Chisholm Jr. took another turn, this one painful.

The Yankees second baseman exited Monday's game in the top of the fourth inning and has entered the concussion protocol after being clotheslined by Jasson Domínguez while pursuing a fly ball.

YANKEES NOTES

During an ugly, 7-3 loss to the Tigers in The Bronx, Detroit's Hao-Yu Lee sent a high fly ball to shallow right field. Chisholm had been shaded in because a runner was on third with one out, then sprinted back into what manager Aaron Boone called "no-man's-land."

Right fielder Domínguez charged in and said he called for the ball. "But obviously I didn't call it loud enough," he added.

Both believed they would catch the ball, and Domínguez did — as Chisholm ran directly into his elbow and immediately dropped to the grass.

"It was really unfortunate," said Domínguez, who stood by Chisholm for several minutes as the second baseman required time first to sit up and then to rise to his feet before walking off the field with a trainer, Oswaldo Cabrera taking over at second base.

"Hopefully, it is not too bad," Boone said of Chisholm, who a day earlier in Boston did not see the end of the game because he was ejected arguing a check-swing call in the sixth inning.

The ejection drew a second one-on-one talk with Boone in the past week. Boone had not been happy that Chisholm sucked on a Blow Pop while playing second base last Monday in Detroit.

➤ **Trent Grisham** likely will play in a rehab game Tuesday. It is possible that the outfielder, out since June 12 with a hamstring strain, will be activated Wednesday.

➤ On Tuesday afternoon, the Yankees are expecting an intriguing sim game that will include **Max Fried** facing **Giancarlo Stanton**.

Fried is expected to build up to close to 30 pitches in a two-"inning" outing, Boone said, as the lefty begins stretching out after his elbow bone bruise.

Stanton, who already had one setback from a calf strain, will bat against Fried and "is moving again with a little more intensity," Boone said.

BROKEN HEART

Libs have championship-caliber talent, but something's off at midway point

GONE MISSING : Breanna Stewart (left to right), Jonquel Jones, Sabrina Ionescu, Pauline Astier, Leonie Fiebich and the Liberty have a ton of talent, but Stewart and Jones have indicated the team, in its first year under coach Chris DeMarco, has not played with heart. Getty Images

Madeline Kenney

SAN FRANCISCO — Breanna Stewart knows it takes time to build a good thing.

She's been in this business for 10 years now. There are always going to be peaks and valleys over the course of a 44-game season.

A month ago, during a particularly rough stretch, Stewart said she was happy that the Liberty's struggles were happening early.

She knew there would be growing pains given the new coaching staff and new system.

There was comfort in knowing the team was not yet whole. Sabrina Ionescu was still sidelined, and Leonie Fiebich had only recently joined the team.

After Stewart said the season hadn't started the way she anticipated, the Liberty rattled off eight straight wins. They were winning ugly but still generating favorable end results. The vibes were good.

But New York has hit another snag lately.

The Liberty have lost four of their last five games and are 12-8, just two games shy of the halfway point of the season.

The pressure is mounting with each loss. It's getting to a point where there are no more excuses.

Ionescu is back, though she hasn't looked like herself over the past two weeks. Turnovers and missed box-outs remain a problem. The team hasn't solidified its identity yet and looks disconnected on the floor at times.

The Liberty are without Satou Sabally for the foreseeable future since she's in concussion protocol. But general manager Jonathan Kolb built this roster with a lot of positional overlap and versatile players to help withstand the adversity that inevitably comes during the season.

Jonquel Jones and Stewart have both indicated this team isn't playing with heart.

Tuesday's Commissioner's Cup championship game is an opportunity for the Liberty to get right.

It's a chance for New York to prove the past two losses were flukes.

Tuesday
ACES AT LIBERTY
Commissioner's Cup Championship
7 p.m.
Prime Video

It's a time for the Liberty to win some midseason hardware and additional cash while also providing temporary comfort to the fans who've wondered aloud whether the supersized Liberty will actualize their title aspirations.

There's a lot riding on Tuesday's game against the Las Vegas Aces beyond the bragging rights of becoming the first team to win multiple in-season tournaments.

On paper, the Liberty might be one of the best teams ever formed. The team's free agency moves of re-signing Stewart, Ionescu and Jones while adding Sabally and Pauline Astier fortified the team's championship-or-bust mentality.

But while talent alone might win some games, it won't be enough to capture a championship in a best-of-seven format.

New York's lack of a team identity coupled with mediocre performances against subpar teams has fueled speculation regarding what this team is actually capable of. The Liberty haven't looked like true, consistent contenders.

They've lost to the Golden State Valkyries twice. They got punked by a three-win Storm team and blew a 17-point, second-half deficit in Los Angeles last week. They've also been beaten by the Washington Mystics and Portland Fire (twice).

The Liberty are taller, longer and deeper than their opponents on most, if not all, nights. And yet, they haven't been able to consistently capitalize.

Of course, there's a moderate level of grace being offered to the Liberty, who have a new coach trying to implement a new system.

But coach Chris DeMarco and this team don't have the luxury of time.

DeMarco had to have known that this would be the case when he accepted the job at the end of last year, especially considering he was replacing Sandy Brondello, a two-time WNBA champion head coach who led New York to the franchise's first title just a year prior to her firing.

With the midway point of the season in reach, the team's need to show a sense of urgency is increasing.

"Of course, these games, when we take these L's … these are going to matter later," Stewart said after Sunday's loss to the Valkyries. "But we really want to just continue to be our best. I think that, of course, there's going to be some that we're going to look back on and really be upset about later, but the focus is on now."

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HEAD-SHAKER: Germany's Jonathan Tah reacts after failing to score against Paraguay's Orlando Gill in a shootout at the end of their match Monday in Foxborough, Mass. Earlier, Tah appeared to have scored the winner in extra time, but a VAR review controversially wiped it off before Paraguay won in a shootout. AP

TAH-TAH, GERMANY

Defender's overturned goal and missed PK seals stunning upset

By HOWIE KUSSOY

PARAGUAY 1 (4)
GERMANY 1 (3)
World Cup Round of 32

Paraguay has given every underdog reason to believe.

Germany was given a gripe to last a lifetime.

Germany looked set to advance to the Round of 16 at the World Cup for the first time in a dozen years after Jonathan Tah scored a go-ahead goal in the 102nd minute, but the four-time champion was blindsided by a video review that controversially wiped away the goal due to Waldemar Anton's soft contact with goalkeeper Orlando Gill.

After extra time ended with the teams still tied 1-1, the 41st-ranked Paraguayans missed two clinching opportunities in the penalty shootout, then took advantage of Tah sailing a kick into the stands to claim a stunning upset on penalty kicks (4-3) Monday at Gillette Stadium, sealed by José Canale's game-winning shot.

"I think we deserved one more game to be honest, considering everything that was said, everything we went through," Canale said. "What I want to highlight from our team is how united we are. ... [This] was a game we really needed to show our true colors."

Coming off an upset loss to Ecuador, the Germans dug themselves another hole by surrendering the first goal to Julio Enciso in the 42nd minute. Paraguay, which opened the World Cup with a 4-1 loss to the U.S. and finished third in the group stage, had never scored in its first four knockout appearances, including a 2002 Round of 16 loss to Germany.

The Germans controlled play, evening the match on a Kai Havertz header in the 54th minute, logging twice as many shots on goal and possessing the ball for three-quarters of the match, but left with its first-ever World Cup shootout loss — one that may never heal.

"We had very big plans for this World Cup," Havertz said. "It's very difficult to disappoint again."

Paraguay will next play July 4 in Philadelphia, likely as an even bigger underdog against France.

Entering the knockout stage with three wins for the first time since winning the 1998 World Cup — as well as the best goal differential (plus-8) in group play — France has looked the part of the tournament favorite, seeking to become the first team since Brazil (1994-2002) to reach three straight World Cup finals.

But before they can reach the July 19 championship match at MetLife Stadium, France will face Sweden in the Round of 32 in New Jersey on Tuesday.

Led by Kylian Mbappé and Ousmane Dembélé — who both rank among the tournament's leaders with four goals each — France will welcome back longtime manager Didier Deschamps, who missed the team's most recent match, following the death of his mother.

"I went through some difficult days," Deschamps said Monday. "I was devastated ... It was very hard, but for my own good and that of the French team, I had to leave ... Since coming back, I've been focused."

Sweden (1-1-1), which reached the semifinals during the 1994 World Cup in the States, finished third in the group stage — just like Paraguay.

"I don't think so much about whether we're favorites or not ... We're going to do our best, and if we do that, we have a great chance to beat them," midfielder Daniel Svensson told SVT. "They're one of the favorites to win the whole thing, so of course they're favorites [against us]. They are my favorites."

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Morocco eliminates Netherlands in shootout

Associated Press

Ismael Saibari scored the decisive goal in a penalty shootout, and Morocco sent the Netherlands to its earliest World Cup exit, eliminating the Dutch 3-2 after a 1-1 draw on Monday night in Guadalupe, Mexico.

With the shootout tied at 2-all after four rounds, Morocco goalkeeper Yassine Bounou made a strong save of Crysencio Summerville's attempt, batting it away with his left hand. Saibari then sent the winner into the low left corner as goalkeeper Bart Verbruggen went the other direction.

ROUNDUP

The Netherlands had reached at least the round of 16 in eight previous World Cup appearances, including a quarterfinal appearance four years ago, when Morocco reached the semifinals.

Cody Gakpo scored in the 72nd minute for the Dutch. After the goal, which was assisted by Summerville, the Dutch bench ran onto the field to embrace the 27-year-old Gakpo, who broke down in tears. Gakpo and his partner, Noa van der Bij, recently announced that they lost their unborn child.

Morocco's Issa Diop tied it in the 91st minute, heading in a long cross from Chemsdine Talbi.

Neither team had a strong scoring opportunity in 30 minutes of extra time at Estadio BBVA.

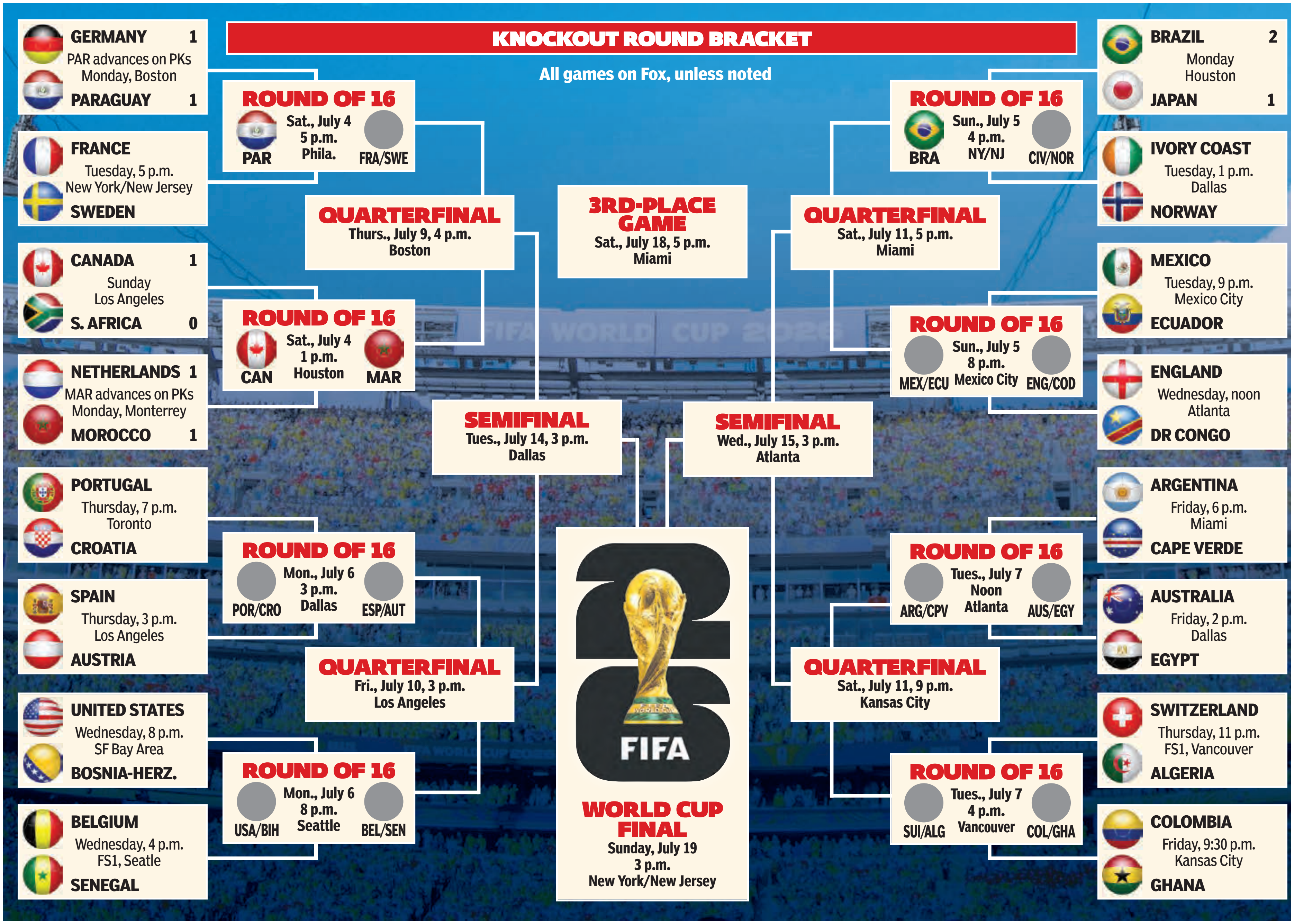
Brazil 2, Japan 1

In Houston, Gabriel Martinelli scored the winning goal late in injury time to give five-time champion Brazil a 2-1 win over Japan in the round of 32.

Martinelli, who had come on as a second-half substitute, scored in the sixth minute of stoppage time as the match appeared to be headed to extra time.

"Above all else we wanted to freshen up the field because Martinelli has a lot of intensity as a player," Brazil coach Carlo Ancelotti said through a translator. "When he goes in the match he's always on his top game."

Brazil will next face either the Ivory Coast or Norway on Sunday in East Rutherford, New Jersey, in the round of 16.



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PAR advances on PKs
Monday, Boston
PARAGUAY 1

FRANCE
Tuesday, 5 p.m.
New York/New Jersey
SWEDEN

CANADA 1
Sunday
Los Angeles
S. AFRICA 0

NETHERLANDS 1
MAR advances on PKs
Monday, Monterrey
MOROCCO 1

PORTUGAL
Thursday, 7 p.m.
Toronto
CROATIA

SPAIN
Thursday, 3 p.m.
Los Angeles
AUSTRIA

UNITED STATES
Wednesday, 8 p.m.
SF Bay Area
BOSNIA-HERZ.

BELGIUM
Wednesday, 4 p.m.
FS1, Seatle
SENEGAL

ROUND OF 16
Sat., July 4
5 p.m.
Phila.
PAR FRA/SWE

ROUND OF 16
Sat., July 4
1 p.m.
Houston
CAN MAR

ROUND OF 16
Mon., July 6
3 p.m.
Dallas
POR/CRO ESP/AUT

ROUND OF 16
Mon., July 6
8 p.m.
Seattle
USA/BIH BEL/SEN

QUARTERFINAL
Thurs., July 9, 4 p.m.
Boston

QUARTERFINAL
Fri., July 10, 3 p.m.
Los Angeles

SEMIFINAL
Tues., July 14, 3 p.m.
Dallas

3RD-PLACE GAME
Sat., July 18, 5 p.m.
Miami

WORLD CUP FINAL
Sunday, July 19
3 p.m.
New York/New Jersey

SEMIFINAL
Wed., July 15, 3 p.m.
Atlanta

QUARTERFINAL
Sat., July 11, 5 p.m.
Miami

QUARTERFINAL
Sat., July 11, 9 p.m.
Kansas City

ROUND OF 16
Sun., July 5
4 p.m.
NY/NJ
BRA CIV/NOR

ROUND OF 16
Sun., July 5
8 p.m.
Mexico City
MEX/ECU ENG/COD

ROUND OF 16
Tues., July 7
Noon
Atlanta
ARG/CPV AUS/EGY

ROUND OF 16
Tues., July 7
4 p.m.
Vancouver
SUI/ALG COL/GHA

BRAZIL 2
Monday
Houston
JAPAN 1

IVORY COAST
Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Dallas
NORWAY

MEXICO
Tuesday, 9 p.m.
Mexico City
ECUADOR

ENGLAND
Wednesday, noon
Atlanta
DR CONGO

ARGENTINA
Friday, 6 p.m.
Miami
CAPE VERDE

AUSTRALIA
Friday, 2 p.m.
Dallas
EGYPT

SWITZERLAND
Thursday, 11 p.m.
FS1, Vancouver
ALGERIA

COLOMBIA
Friday, 9:30 p.m.
Kansas City
GHANA

US expecting familiar style of play against Bosnia

By ETHAN SEARS

USMNT NOTES

IRVINE, Calif. — One reason to be optimistic about the U.S. national team's chances in the Round of 32 against Bosnia-Herzegovina: The rhythm of the game figures to be similar to its two group-stage wins.

That is to say, though there are plenty of differences between Bosnia, Paraguay and Australia, Bosnia — like the other two — will likely cede much of the possession to the U.S., which is just how Mauricio Pochettino's side likes it.

"There's obviously a similarity," captain Tim Ream said. "It's one of those things that you expect to come up against: similar things throughout tournaments, right? … There's always things that can be thrown at you. I don't know that we fully expect Bosnia to just be defensive."

Bosnia does have some high-end attacking talent in Esmir Bajraktarevic, Kerim Alajbegovic and Edin Džeko, but generally prefers to play on the counterattack, at least against more talented teams. The U.S. can expect to see a low block, albeit in a 4-4-2 shape as opposed to the 5-4-1 it successfully broke down against Australia.

Nevertheless, if that is indeed the shape of the game, it will play into the Americans' strengths.

"We know it's not gonna be easy," Gio Reyna said. "We have to be at our best. I'm sure we'll come up with a great game plan. Intensity and energy has to be there if we want to win this game."

➤ Though the U.S. may train in Irvine again if it makes the quarterfinals — which would be in Los Angeles — Monday was its last day at the Orange County base camp. The USMNT has been set up in idyllic conditions, with a swanky hotel overlooking the ocean in Dana Point, Calif.

"Some of us go down to the beach, some of us will just hang out with our families at times," Reyna said when asked how the team spent its downtime. "Some of us hang out in our rooms, play video games. Just lay low and enjoy the time together. But at the same time, we just sit outside, enjoy the beautiful weather we've had for the last couple weeks."

➤ The USMNT continued to train with just 23 players. **Auston Trusty** (ankle) and **Cristian Roldan** (quad strain) have graduated to modified individual training, while **Mark McKenzie** received treatment on an irritated foot.

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MAURICIO POCHETTINO

OLD RELIABLE

Ream, 38, gives U.S. a much-needed steadying force along the back line

Mark Cannizzaro

IRVINE, Calif. — Five years ago, Tim Ream slowly came to the heartbreaking realization he was never going to play in a World Cup.

It was 2021, he wasn't having his best season at Fulham and wasn't anywhere near U.S. manager Gregg Berhalter's A-list as he pondered the roster for the 2022 World Cup.

Ream, who played with the Red Bulls in MLS in 2010-11 before moving to the Premier League, then had a career resurgence, playing every minute for Fulham and playing well.

He was picked to that '22 team and has been a top U.S. defender ever since.

"I pretty much accepted that my opportunities to play in a World Cup were not going to be there," Ream said Monday before the team's final training session before flying north. "So yeah, to be sitting here now, being able to play in a second World Cup, a home World Cup ... it's pretty special for me and for my family.

"I don't take it for granted, because I know how quickly things can change. I know how quickly you can be in and how quickly you can be out. It's pretty special to have this opportunity, and it's something that I and we as a group have worked hard for and are looking to take advantage of."

Now, at 38 and having lost a step, Ream remains a rock on the back line for the U.S., and the Americans will desperately need him to be at his best when they play Bosnia-Herzegovina in the Round of 32 on Wednesday night in Santa Clara.

The U.S. is coming off a 3-2 loss to Turkey in its final Group D match — one that was marred by mistakes on the back line, which yielded the first two goals on blatant breakdowns.

Those mistakes, however, were made by two backup defenders, Mark McKenzie and Joe Scally, as U.S. coach Mauricio Pochettino played a lineup of nearly all reserves with the match meaning nothing in terms of positioning for the knockout round.

"They're dying to have him back in the lineup because he brings confidence and leadership, and they're going to need it," Shep Messing, the former U.S. national team and New York Cosmos goalkeeper and current MLS analyst for Apple TV, told The Post. "Tim Ream has leadership written all over him. He's a great guy in the locker room, a great guy off the field, a great human being ... and he's a real athlete.

"Look, we all get older, we get slower, but he's gotten better every year since going to England [in 2012]. That was a big leap — from the Red Bull to England — and every year he got better. It just shows how smart he is, how hard he works, how he takes care of his body."

Ream is like a coach on the pitch for the Americans, an extension of Pochettino.

His teammates marvel at what he brings to the team at his age — even if they love to tweak him for being old — 12 years older than the team average age of 26.

"Most of the other boys tend to make jokes about him and tease him just because of how old he is," striker Folarin Balogun said. "He would score in training and they'll say, 'He's the oldest scorer in World Cup history,' and stuff like that.

"But ... he's somebody with tons of experience, and I'm a younger player, so I love to learn from him. That's the reason why he's so valuable to us. He's somebody who gives information on the pitch as well."

On Monday, you could tell that teammate Gio Reyna didn't really want to say it, but he finally went there.

When asked what Ream brings to the team, Reyna began, "Tim ... everybody knows what he means to this team."

Then ...

"It's weird to call him a father figure to this group, but he really is," Reyna said. "He gives a sense of calmness. His experience is the main factor that really helps this team. He means everything. He's been around for the last 15 years. I think his first camp was in 2010, which is crazy to think about. Obviously a really good guy, definitely someone you can lean on."

Fellow defender Sergiño Dest said, "Sometimes we make jokes with him because of how old he is, but he's really important for us. He's really good on the ball and has a lot of experience. He can help us, especially in building out of really difficult situations."

The U.S. will surely face some difficult situations against Bosnia, which will try to exploit the weaknesses in the U.S. defense.

Ream surely couldn't have been comfortable sitting on the bench and watching the defensive leaks in the Turkey match.

Asked what the team learned from that match defensively, he said, "Just about duels, second balls, all the things we always talk about. When we're not on top of that, things can go either way.

"We looked at it briefly on video, learned some lessons, and then you move on, turn the page, and look forward."

The Americans' chances of moving forward to the Round of 16 will be heavily based on how they do in the back against Bosnia.

And Ream will be at the center of it all.

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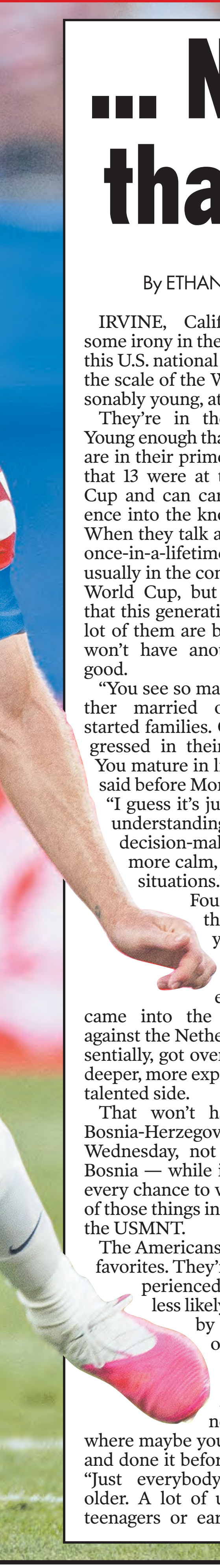
LIVING THE REAM: In 2021, Tim Ream thought he would never play in the World Cup. Now, he is in his second Cup and providing a veteran presence to teammates like Malik Tillman (left). Getty Images



... Not that USMNT is that young anymore

By ETHAN SEARS

ALL GROWN UP: Gio Reyna is only 23 but is in his second World Cup. A dozen of his teammates also were in Qatar four years ago. Getty Images

IRVINE, Calif. — There's some irony in the average age of this U.S. national team being, on the scale of the World Cup, reasonably young, at 26.

They're in the sweet spot. Young enough that most of them are in their primes. Old enough that 13 were at the last World Cup and can carry the experience into the knockout rounds. When they talk about it being a once-in-a-lifetime chance, it's usually in the context of a home World Cup, but left unsaid is that this generation — even if a lot of them are back in 2030 — won't have another shot this good.

"You see so many of us are either married or with kids, started families. Obviously progressed in their careers also. You mature in life," Gio Reyna said before Monday's training. "I guess it's just a feeling, an understanding of maturity, decision-making. Being more calm, understanding situations."

Four years ago, they were the youngest team at the World Cup, all wide-eyed. They came into the Round of 16 against the Netherlands and, essentially, got overwhelmed by a deeper, more experienced, more talented side.

That won't happen against Bosnia-Herzegovina on Wednesday, not least because Bosnia — while it certainly has every chance to win — isn't any of those things in comparison to the USMNT.

The Americans aren't only the favorites. They're the more experienced team, the one less likely to be eclipsed by the sheer size of a moment.

"It gives a sense of balance and calmness to the team where maybe you've been there and done it before," Reyna said. "Just everybody's four years older. A lot of us were either teenagers or early 20s in that moment [in Qatar]. Some of us are still pretty young but a lot of us are close to our primes or are getting into that mode."

Crucially, they also feel like a fully formed product. Where four years ago — even four months ago — there were holes and questions about their best route to winning, those have, mostly, been answered. The wins over Paraguay and Australia were as commanding as two national team performances have ever been at a World Cup; the question is whether they can access that again as opposed to whether it's possible at all.

Add all of that up and you get a team that can be relaxed coming into such a massive moment.

"Would it be weird if I told you I don't really feel too much pressure at this moment?" captain Tim Ream said. "I just think there's so much pressure that we put on ourselves. It feels very different this time around. Not because it's the Round of 32 or anything. I think we put so much expectation on ourselves as players.

"I think we felt more pressure for that first game against Paraguay than anything, and that's coming from ourselves, not from anything on the outside. For us, for me, it's a game we're in. It's a game we have to put everything into and put in a performance the way it happened in the group stage."

That doesn't mean they aren't treating it with appropriate gravity.

"I always like to say it's just another game of football, but at the end of the day, I think everybody knows, World Cups only come around every four years," Reyna said. "Especially on home soil, this opportunity will really never come back."

Even if, as has been rumored, the U.S. hosts again in 2038, it won't come back for these players, in a moment where all the ingredients add into such an excellent opportunity.

"Everybody is so confident," Sergiño Dest said. "We just have a lot of belief that we can do it — one, two and then three down."

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Wednesday
UNITED STATES vs. BOSNIA-HERZ.
Santa Clara, Calif.
Round of 32
8 p.m.
Fox

A LITTLE HELP: Sebastian Berhalter impressed in the U.S. loss to Turkey and could provide some midfield insurance if any of the starters has to miss time in the knockout rounds. Getty Images

Shallow midfield a real concern

By MICHAEL DUARTE

IRVINE, Calif. — Every World Cup contender has a pressure point. For some, it's goalkeeping. For others, it's a shaky back line or an inability to finish chances.

For the United States, it's the midfield.

Not because the Americans lack talent. Quite the opposite. Tyler Adams, Weston McKennie and Malik Tillman form one of the strongest midfield trios the U.S. has ever taken into a World Cup. The problem is what happens if one of them disappears.

That's where the foundation begins to crack.

Mauricio Pochettino entered the tournament by taking a gamble — Tanner Tessmann, who started most of the qualifying cycle alongside Adams in the midfield as a double pivot, was left off the roster. Middlesbrough midfielder Aidan Morris and Atlético Madrid's Johnny Cardoso were both told to stay home as well.

That left Adams as the lone true elite defensive midfielder on the roster.

Suddenly, one yellow card, one awkward tackle or one pulled hamstring threatens to become a tactical nightmare for the Americans.

That scenario was on display in Team USA's 3-2 loss to Turkey. Yes, Pochettino rotated almost his entire starting lineup, but in doing so, he revealed something that was impossible to ignore. Strip away Adams, Tillman and Cristian Roldan and suddenly the U.S. looked vulnerable in the center of the pitch.

Pochettino didn't seem to have any regrets after leaving Tessman, Morris and Cardoso off the roster, but do Roldan's injury and Gio Reyna's inconsistency provide pause now?

Pochettino openly discussed asking McKennie or Tillman to drop deeper to help Adams dictate possession, believing that technical quality can outweigh defensive conservatism.

Thankfully, it's a topic none of the players are losing any sleep over.

"I know just speaking to players in the squad, we have so many guys that can play in the middle of the field," Adams said confidently. "All these guys ... they can play in the midfield as well. So we have flexibility."

Maybe.

But versatility isn't always the same as depth.

Roldan's quad injury only magnifies the concern. He did modified training on his own Monday during the team's final session at its base camp here. Roldan suffered the injury following the victory over Australia on June 19 and hasn't trained fully since.

Reyna has shown flashes but looked lackluster against Turkey.

"A few things have to be a little bit cleaner," Reyna said of his performance. "Of course I wanted to play a little bit better, but I feel great. I'll be ready to go and give it my all."

Sebastian Berhalter, meanwhile, may have delivered the biggest silver lining against Turkey. He scored his first World Cup goal and added an assist. His performance may have given the U.S. another reliable option in the midfield.

"We know anyone can step at any given moment," Berhalter said when asked if he could step into that role in the midfield if need be in the knockout rounds.

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LOST & POUND

Yanks take beating in more ways than one, as players crash way to fifth straight loss

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

What had been metaphorical became literal when Jasson Domínguez clotheslined Jazz Chisholm Jr. right out of the game.

It was that kind of Monday for the Yankees, whose pain was self-inflicted during a contest in which the blaring speakers in The Bronx could have opted for Benny Hill.

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YANKEES 3

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The Yankees bungled far too many plays to compensate for an offense that has grown historically silent — held to three hits for a fourth straight game for the first time in franchise history — in what became a 7-3 loss to the Tigers for a fifth straight defeat and the eighth in 10 games.

There are myriad injuries that probably explain the struggles more accurately than a June swoon, but the recent issues defensively are not the fault of replacement players from Triple-A.

"That was a bad one," said Cody Bellinger, whose dropped fly ball and 0-for-4 night added to the issues. "No sugarcoating that one."

The defense was not the only issue: The offense totaled one hit in seven innings against Casey Mize before Amed Rosario stroked a three-run home run in the eighth to apply a bit of lipstick to this pig, virtually the only moment the 40,506 on hand could cheer.

There were plenty of moments to boo on an evening the Yankees (48-36) allowed five more unearned runs, making it 14 in their past five games.

Ryan Weathers turned in the shortest start of the Yankees' season — 1 2/3 innings in which he allowed five runs (two earned) on seven hits and a walk — but the defense behind him (and in front of him, Austin Wells with a passed ball) helped ensure his day was brief.

"Just gave up a lot of singles, back-to-back," said Weathers, who bemoaned not being able to put Tigers hitters away with two strikes. "Just couldn't really stop the bleeding."

Neither could his defense. Perhaps Weathers' night would have been different if Anthony Volpe could have reached a ground ball from Spencer Torkelson that became an RBI single in the first. Or if third baseman José Caballero had not thrown wildly to Paul Goldschmidt in the second, the first baseman unable to snowcone the ball for what would have been the inning's second out. Instead, a fly ball from Dillon Dingler became a sacrifice fly rather than the inning's third out.

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Two singles, a walk and three runs later, Weathers was gone and the bullpen merry-go-round began spinning.

An ugly, two-run fourth inning — in which Bellinger dropped a fly ball at the wall and Chisholm and Domínguez converged on a shallow fly ball, Chisholm smacking into Domínguez's elbow, exiting the game and entering concussion protocol — all but sealed it.

"Couple really good defenders that didn't complete plays today," Aaron Boone said of the misplays that arose from generally reliable fielders.

The manager was less understanding of an offense that mustered one hit against Mize — a third-inning leadoff double from Spencer Jones, who would finish the inning on second — and has not totaled more than three hits in a contest since the opener in Boston (in which they scored just three runs).

There is no Aaron Judge, Giancarlo Stanton, Trent Grisham or Ryan McMahon — the latter two expected back this week — and there is no one picking up the slack. Ben Rice is 0-for-18 in his past five games. Bel-

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Bombers keep dropping duds in

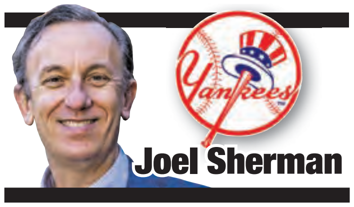
THE YANKEES have forgotten how to hit, pitch and field.

Since those are the appetizer, main course and dessert of baseball, the Yankees these days are starving their fans of joy. The most positive element is that they play in the AL, where I believe the "A" stands for Atrocious.

A league in which no more than four or five teams can regularly find their way above .500 covers a lot of blemishes. The Yankee troubles have dropped them from first in the AL East, but not in any big-picture danger — at least not yet. Still, the foibles of others can only camouflage so much. It is not just that the Yankees are losing — five in a row and nine of 12 — but doing so incompetently in every phase.

Their 7-3 loss Monday to the Tigers was worse than the final score and had injury upon insult. Jasson Domínguez, who has many defensive shortcomings, including a pittance of field awareness, slammed an elbow into Jazz Chisholm Jr.'s jaw while racing in to catch a fourth-inning pop-up. He said he called the ball, and Chisholm, retreating from an infield-in deployment, did not hear him. Chisholm was removed from the game and was going through concussion protocol.

By the time of that collision, the Yankees already were amid all their recent greatest hits — or no hits if you have been watching this lineup.



Joel Sherman

Let's start there and remember that while Trent Grisham (hamstring) and Ryan McMahon (throat infection) should be back this week and that Giancarlo Stanton (calf) has graduated to being able to hit against Max Fried (elbow) in a scheduled simulated two innings Tuesday, Aaron Judge is nowhere near returning.

For a while, the Yankees were navigating that just fine, in part because their two most valuable position players with the three-time AL MVP gone, Cody Bellinger and Ben Rice, were excelling. Aaron Boone called them the team's "pillar guys." But not so much for a stretch now. Both insisted this was not about the onus of carrying a lineup missing key elements, notably the biggest one.

"Obviously, I need to be better," Bellinger said. "I am not playing as well as I can. It is not about injuries [to others]. When it is my turn [to hit] — whether we are healthy or not — I have to produce."

"The only weight I am feeling is from myself [not about trying to compensate for missing others]," Rice insisted.

Since last reaching their season-high 18 games over .500 on June 19, the Yankees have hit .175 with 26 runs — or an average of 2.6 runs for the 10 games. In that span, Rice is 4-for-40 with one RBI and Bellinger 5-for-34 with no RBI. The Yankees are 6-for-65 with runners in scoring position during that time, and it breaks down like this: Amed Rosario is 3-for-5 and everyone else is 3-for-59.

Rosario hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning Monday with the Yankees down 7-0. But that was perfume in a pigsty.

The Yankees had never produced three or fewer hits in four consecutive games until these past four — and no major league team had since the 93-loss 2010 Nationals did it Sept. 27 to Oct. 1. The Yankees managed just one hit, a Spencer Jones leadoff dou-

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linger is in a 2-for-27 rut. It's 0-for-12 for Goldschmidt.

"We've got to do a better job, obviously," Boone said. "We've run up against some tough pitching for sure over these last several days, even going back to the Detroit series. But we've got to get some guys putting a little more pressure [on opposing teams]."

Several Yankees denied feeling extra pressure given who is not around.

But whatever the cause, both their offense and defense are in poorly timed slumps.

"Especially when we're not swinging it like we're going to typically, you got to take care of the ball," Boone said, "and we haven't done a good enough job of that."

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WHAT A PAIN: The Yankees couldn't get out of their own way Monday, as Jasson Domínguez crashed into Jazz Chisholm Jr., Cody Bellinger couldn't come up with a fly ball, and Ryan Weathers (inset) couldn't last two innings in a 7-3 loss to the Tigers.

every phase of game

ble in the third against Casey Mize, who otherwise toyed with them by walking none and whiffing 10 in seven one-hit shutout innings, one night after Boston's Sonny Gray held the Yanks to one hit and no runs in 7 ⅓ innings. On Friday, the Red Sox's Payton Tolle limited the Yankees to one hit in seven shutout innings.

Conversely, the rotation the Yankees thought would elevate them even in times of offensive disrepair has one quality start in the past 10 games and a 5.25 ERA. The worst of it was Ryan Weathers — against a not particularly strong Tigers lineup — lasting just five outs and yielding five runs.

And their defense needs Grisham and particularly McMahon back more than their offense, as the Yankees are going through a Mets-ian phase of too many players out of position. The Yanks allowed eight unearned runs in regulation (so not counting automatic runners) in being swept four games at Fenway. There were two more errors Monday and two more unearned runs. It must be contagious because Bellinger, the best left fielder in the majors, dropped a fly ball. But the other error led to the unearned runs and is indicative of recent issues.

José Caballero committed it playing third base, failing to help Weathers during a four-run second inning. It was the third error in the past five games by a McMahon-less third baseman, each someone different (also Oswaldo Cabrera and Rosario). It was Caballero's third error in his past nine games, all playing different positions (also left and center field). So, none were at shortstop, where he was playing well before being mainly displaced by Anthony Volpe.

"You got to play clean baseball, and we've got to do a better job of that," Boone said.

Clean baseball. Hitting. Pitching. The Yankees, who were so good at the whole buffet for much of this season, need to get back to the full menu.

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INJURY REPORT

■ **Max Fried** (elbow bone bruise) and **Giancarlo Stanton** (calf strain) are expected to face each other in a simulated game in The Bronx on Tuesday. Fried is set to build up to around 30 pitches, while Stanton has begun running though lacks a publicly known return timetable.

ON DECK

vs. Tigers

Tuesday, 7:05 p.m., Prime, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

RHP Cam Schlittler

2026 stats:
8-4, 1.62 ERA

Career vs. DET:
1-0, 1.50 ERA

Last start:
Thurs. at BOS
5.0 IP, 5 H, 4 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

44%	27%	20%
4-Seamer	Cutter	Sinker

LHP Tarik Skubal

2026 stats:
3-4, 3.32 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
2-3, 3.00 ERA

Last start:
Wed. vs. NYY
6.0 IP, 4 H, 4 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

36%	26%	20%
4-Seamer	Changeup	Sinker

UP NEXT

WEDNESDAY: vs. Tigers,
1:35 p.m., YES, WFAN
RHP Will Warren vs.
RHP Troy Melton

FRIDAY: vs. Twins,
7:05 p.m., YES, WFAN
RHP Gerrit Cole vs.
RHP Mike Paredes

Premier AL arms grapple

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

In an era in which starting pitchers are asked to do less than ever before because of the fragility of their high-octane arms and because of bullpens whose values and workloads have ballooned, the days of marquee matchups between two aces are nearly over.

But not fully over.

Cam Schlittler, who owns a 1.62 ERA and is the early front-runner for the American League Cy Young, against Tarik Skubal, who won the award the past two seasons, is the type of on-paper duel that the sport does not see enough, but will be seen Tuesday in The Bronx.

"I love when guys match up, sort of old school," Tigers manager A.J. Hinch said before the Yankees lost the series opener 7-3 Monday. "Like on a matchup sheet when you look at who's pitching. The starter is revered, and those are two of the best in the American League and two of the best in baseball."

Two of the best, but effectiveness might be where the comparison ends.

There really is no other starter like the righty Schlittler, who relies upon three different fastballs — very hard four-seamers and sinkers and merely hard cutters — to blaze past hitters, who barely have to prepare for anything slower than 95 mph.

The lefty Skubal can elevate into the upper 90s with his four-seamer and sinker, too, but his changeup might be his best pitch (an offering that has a 49.3 percent whiff rate this season), and he will lean upon his slider often, too.

The approaches are different, but the results have been similar.

Skubal steadily improved in each season before breaking through in 2024, when he led the AL with a 2.39 ERA in 31 starts — and followed that up by shaving his ERA to 2.21 in 31 starts last season, becoming the first repeat AL Cy Young winner since Pedro Martinez in 1999-2000.

"He's a great player, and they've got a great team," said Schlittler, who soared his way through the Yankees' system last year, when his fastball velocity skyrocketed.

Schlittler is only throwing harder this season, barely touched while striking out 118 and walking just 20 in 100 innings.

"It's going to be a fun one," Schlittler said.

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CANADA SIGH

Manaea aids deadline stock with solid start, but Amazin's fall short vs. Jays

By MIKE PUMA

TORONTO — Sean Manaea's contract leaves him as a difficult sell before the Aug. 3 trade deadline, but his recent work should at least intrigue teams in need of pitching.

Monday night the left-hander would have finished with a second six-inning start in his last four if not for Francisco Lindor's fielding error that prevented Manaea from escaping the frame.

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Even so, Manaea departed with a respectable two earned runs allowed over 5 ²/₃ innings in the Mets' 2-1 loss to the Blue Jays at Rogers Centre.

The Mets, who lost for the ninth time in 10 games, were overmatched at the plate by Trey Yesavage and the Blue Jays bullpen. It was the team's third loss in four games under interim manager Andy Green.

Manaea, who owns a 4.71 ERA, is only halfway through a three-year contract worth $75 million, and the Mets could choose to keep him as a potential 2027 rotation piece. But if the Mets were to receive a decent offer for the left-hander — who has pitched to a 3.54 ERA over his last nine appearances — it would behoove them to listen.

More likely, the Mets would be open to dealing Freddy Peralta, a free agent after this season with a higher upside than Manaea. Another starting pitcher with value, Clay Holmes, is still several weeks away from returning as he rehabs a fractured right fibula.

Manaea, with sinker, cutter and sweeper as part of the mix, has regained the confidence of a pitcher who helped lead this rotation in 2024.

"I feel like a pitcher," he said. "I can go in and out, with sinkers, cutters. I am definitely not throwing as hard as I used to, so I am trying to just get guys out how I can."

GIVING CHASE: Juan Soto, who misplayed a line drive hit by George Springer in the first inning before A.J. Ewing made an error on the play and allowed Toronto's leadoff hitter to score, chases a Luis Urías double during the fifth inning.

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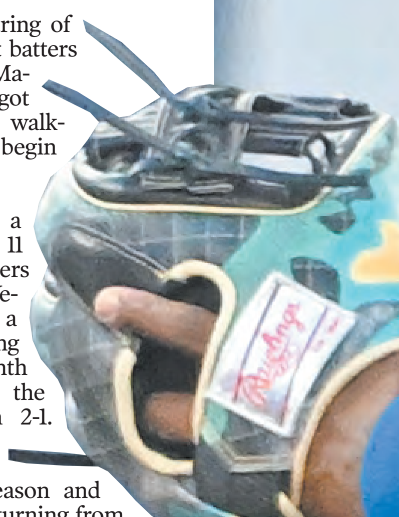
Manaea, who surrendered three hits and two walks over 90 pitches, didn't receive enough help, defensively or offensively. Included in the Mets' night of misery was an 0-for-9 performance with runners in scoring position.

"We have put ourselves in position to score runs, especially the last game, not so much this game," Green said. "I think we squared up a number of balls today. I think we ended up in a situation where very few things fell for us today, but when we had the opportunity to get the big hit and there was a punch-out too often for us."

Juan Soto's misplay on leadoff hitter George Springer's line drive in the first gave the Blue Jays a 1-0 lead. Springer's shot landed in front of Soto and bounded behind him, rolling to the fence. A.J. Ewing booted the recovery, allowing Springer to score on what was ruled a triple and a Ewing error.

"When you have an outfield like that, where it bounces a lot, you have to be aware because you can give up extra bases really easy," Soto said. "I have just got to be aggressive. That was my mindset. Just be aggressive, come through the ball instead of trying to play back and maybe bounce over my head, but I actually just stopped."

Luis Urías' leadoff double in the fifth led to the Blue Jays going ahead 2-0 on Myles Straw's sacrifice fly. Urías' double snapped a string of eight straight batters retired by Manaea, who got rolling after walking Urías to begin the second.



Lindor snapped a streak of 11 straight batters retired by Yesavage with a homer leading off the seventh that pulled the Mets within 2-1. The blast was Lindor's third this season and first since returning from the injured list last week. Ewing got drilled by a pitch in the inning and was thrown out attempting to steal second, ending the frame.

The Mets tried to rally in the ninth, but Mark Vientos and Ronny Mauricio both struck out against Louis Varland with the tying and go-ahead runs on first and second.

"We chased," Green said. "Not the at-bats you are hoping to have, not the at-bats they are hoping to have, but you are hoping to find anything to put in play to hope something plays out well for us."

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Bo emotional as he makes Toronto return with

BACK IN TOWN: Bo Bichette salutes the crowd in Toronto, and hugs ex-teammate Vladimir Guerrero Jr. (right), before facing his former team for the first time.

By MIKE PUMA

TORONTO — Bo Bichette's eyes moistened as he struggled to find words Monday when asked about his expectations returning to the only home field he had known in the major leagues before this season.

"This is an opportunity for me to reflect on good times and just be grateful for everything," the Mets third baseman said before going 0-for-4 in the Amazin's 2-1 loss to the Blue Jays at Rogers Centre.

A key component of a team that reached Game 7 of the World Series before losing to the Dodgers in the 11th inning, Bichette expected a warm homecoming.

Such warmth has sometimes been lacking in his new environment — he started slowly with the Mets this season and even with a June surge took an underwhelming .254/.300/.388 slash line into play.

It's far less than what the Mets thought they were receiving when they bestowed a three-year contract worth $126 million on Bichette in January. That deal includes opt outs after the first two seasons.

Bichette homered in Game 7 to put the Blue Jays ahead, but in a classic finale, the Dodgers rallied to tie the game on Miguel Rojas' ninth-inning homer before Will Smith's blast in the 11th put the Dodgers ahead for good.

Bichette admitted he's replayed Game 7 in his head. The Blue Jays haven't won a World Series since winning back-to-back championships in 1992 and '93.

"You dream of getting to that situation and opportunity," he said. "I am so grateful that we had that experience and got there. I don't know how many times I have replayed it, but it comes to mind every once in a while."

His chances of receiving another shot on that stage this season are almost completely obliterated. The Mets entered the day with losses in eight of their last nine games and fell to 35-49. It's a free fall that last week cost manager Carlos Mendoza his job. Under interim manager Andy Green, the team lost two of three games against the Phillies over the weekend.

Bichette said he didn't have any regrets about how his situation with the Blue Jays ended — with him and the team not close on a deal that would have allowed him to return. The Phillies were on the verge of landing Bichette before the Mets (who watched Kyle Tucker land with the Dodgers) swooped in and signed him.

OUT OF HIS HANDS: Francisco Lindor loses his grip on the ball as he tries to throw out Kazuma Okamoto in the sixth inning of the Mets' 2-1 loss to the Blue Jays on Monday. Imagn Images

no 'regrets' about exit

"I don't think there's regrets," Bichette said about leaving. "I think it just didn't line up for whatever reason. It's tough to live in the past like that."

The Blue Jays, at 39-45, are enduring their own disappointment. Vladimir Guerrero Jr., has been among the underachievers — the slugging first baseman had only four homers entering Monday and a .697 OPS. Guerrero signed a 14-year contract worth $500 million before last season.

"It's the same story every year, wondering why Vlad is not hitting .400 and leading the league in OPS," Bichette said. "I know he's not doing what he is capable of, but every single year he ends up doing something that reminds you how good he is."

The Mets are hoping the same is the case with Bichette, who began the day with a .932 OPS in June after an anemic start.

"There was an element of not finding a lot of luck early, not finding his timing," Green said. "What I have had the opportunity to see the last number of weeks, he's squaring stuff up and he's got the normal aggression that he's had his entire career and he's spraying hits all over the yard and that is fun to see."

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Ex-Mets coach: Soto 'coddled' by organization

By COLLIN WARD

Former Mets hitting coach and bench coach Eric Chavez can be added to the list of critics of president of baseball operations David Stearns.

Chavez, who worked with the Mets from 2024 to 2025, said Juan Soto would sit on couches near the batting cages between innings instead of with the team in the dugout — and Stearns did nothing about it.

"This is a lack of leadership, a lack of accountability, from the top down," Chavez said on his "EC3" podcast. "And we had an assistant GM who would sit there with [Soto] — the assistant GM would sit there with him — and kind of coddle him, tap him on the shoulder, without saying, 'Hey dude, how about getting in the dugout with your teammates?' "

ERIC CHAVEZ

Chavez said he raised the issue to Stearns as a negative influence on the younger members of the team, but Stearns allegedly responded, "Those players need to learn that they're not Juan Soto."

Chavez did not name the assistant GM.

This was just one of the red flags the former Mets coach said stood out about Stearns, also listing being asked to take a pay cut and an email asking minor league hitters to focus on pull-side power.

Stearns has come under heavy criticism in his third year with the Mets after the team failed to make the playoffs in 2025 and started this season 35-49, despite a $320 million-plus roster.

Manager Carlos Mendoza has taken the brunt of the blame for this season's woes but was fired, leaving no one left to protect Stearns.

The general manager was brought in from the Brewers after he showed an impressive ability to find diamonds in the rough.

He led the charge in a complete roster overhaul over the last two seasons, which saw fan favorites such as Pete Alonso, Brandon Nimmo and Edwin Díaz depart.

The aforementioned Soto was one of the players brought in, signing a 15-year, $765 million deal in 2024.

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ON DECK: at Blue Jays

Tuesday, 7:07 p.m., SNY, WHSQ (880 AM)

RHP Nolan McLean

2026 stats:
4-5, 4.03 ERA

Career vs. TOR:
First appearance

Last start:
Wed., vs. CHC;
6 IP, 6 ER, 9 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

35%	19%	17%
Sinker	4-Seamer	Sweeper

RHP Kevin Gausman

2026 stats:
4-6, 4.36 ERA

Career vs. NYM:
1-4, 5.14 ERA

Last start:
Thurs., vs. TEX;
6 IP, 6 ER, 2 BB

PITCH BREAKDOWN

52%	39%	9%
4-Seamer	Splitter	Slider

UP NEXT

WEDNESDAY: at Blue Jays, 3:07 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
RHP Freddy Peralta vs. LHP Patrick Corbin

FRIDAY: at Braves, 7:15 p.m., PIX11, WHSQ
TBD vs. TBD

INJURY REPORT

■ **Luis Robert Jr.** is scheduled to begin a minor league rehab assignment Tuesday with Triple-A Syracuse. The veteran outfielder has been sidelined since April 27 with lumbar spine disc herniation.

LAND’ AHOY!

Shamet locked up on four-year, $24M pact, but with Mitch on way out, Knicks eye cheap adds

By STEFAN BONDY

The Knicks locked up Landry Shamet, which, barring James Dolan changing his mind on the second apron, reiterated what we knew was happening: Mitchell Robinson is gone.

On the eve of free agency Monday, the Knicks and Shamet agreed to a four-year, $24 million pact — a big move for Leon Rose to re-up with one of his top two-way performers. The Knicks fulfilled a goal and Shamet, who might’ve received more on the open market, has more security after playing the last two seasons on one-year minimum contracts.

The circumstances, while expected, leave the Knicks in need of a backup center.

They also have to fill mandated roster spots with very limited money to operate.

But first, the other good news:

The Knicks have their entire starting lineup — and now, with Shamet, two of their top three reserves — under contract and ready to return. Coming off a championship, it’s a tremendous baseline. The Knicks arguably own the best top five in the NBA and they’re paid as such — with Jalen Brunson, OG Anunoby, Karl-Anthony Towns, Josh Hart and Mikal Bridges accounting for a combined $191 million in salaries next season.

It’s worth it for the banner, but that’s 95 percent of the cap on five players. Add in six reserves under contract — Shamet, Miles McBride, Jose Alvarado, Tyler Kolek, Pacôme Dadiet, Mohamed Diawara — and the math looks like this:

The Knicks are roughly $9 million under the second apron and need to sign three more players (technically, they can get away with just two more players for a very limited time to start the season but that opens a door to a place too complicated for this article). Either way, it’ll be a crunch but the Knicks can certainly do it with the understanding Robinson isn’t coming back.

Now to be clear, the Knicks could still re-sign Robinson if Dolan spends enough money. But there are heavy tax penalties for paying into the second apron, plus a couple of roster-building restrictions tacked on. Most notably, the Knicks couldn’t aggregate players in a midseason trade.

People around the league believe going into the second apron is worthwhile for a legit championship contender. But the Knicks have operated as if they’re avoiding it, and sources said Dolan communicated his directive to the front office. According to The Athletic, Dolan’s reluctance is mostly about spending more money.

Could the owner change his mind in the 11th hour? Yes, theoretically. But there’s been no indication Dolan will.

So what can the Knicks do with their $9 million remaining? Here’s a realistic scenario (these are calculated using first-year cap holds for new contracts and keep in mind that veteran minimums are paid more):

- ●$2.45 million minimum to re-sign Jordan Clarkson
- ●$2.45 million minimum to re-sign Ariel Hukporti
- ●$2.45 million minimum for free agent center Kevon Looney.

To save even more money, the Knicks could give a roster spot to one of their second-round rookies — either Jack Kayil or Tyler Nickel because they’re the cheapest options — but the Knicks certainly need experienced frontcourt help and that’s where Looney, a 30-year-old former champ, could fit.

It should also be noted the Knicks, according to sources, are putting a lot of faith in their player development and internal progress. So Diawara, Dadiet and Kolek are all expected to contribute more next season. But, again, relying on contributions of the young and unproven is dicey.

That’s also why the Shamet deal was very significant. They signed a proven player and solidified the backcourt reserves. The next order of business is replacing Robinson’s impact while shopping for bargains. It’ll probably lead to a dip in production from the backup center next season. But under the second-apron mandate, that’s how the Knicks must operate.

Fill out what’s left. On the cheap.

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Knicks targets

Three players the Knicks could land in free agency:

Jordan Clarkson

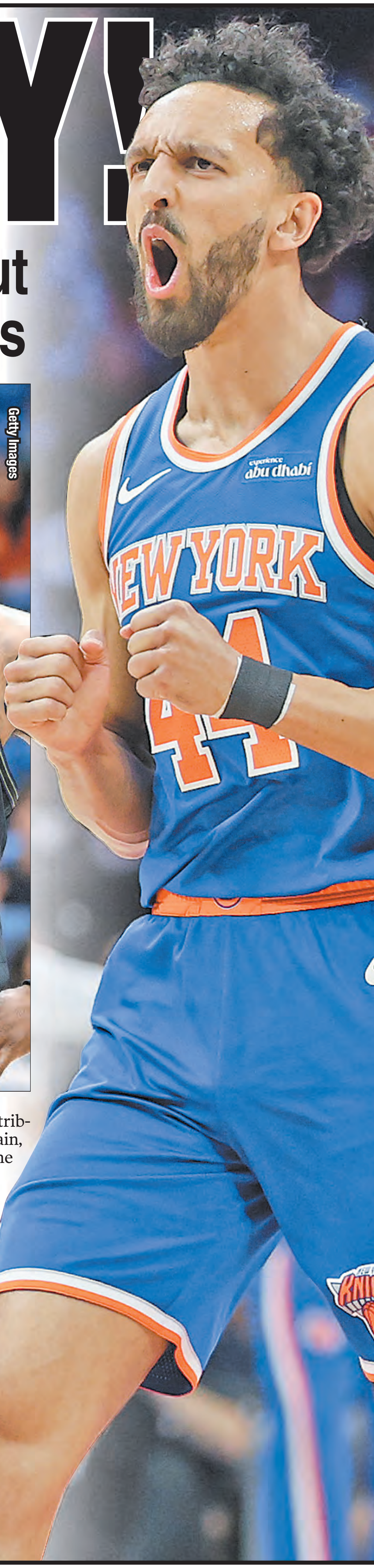
A popular personality in the Knicks locker room who embraced a lesser role last season, Clarkson is a candidate to return. He may have lost a step at 34 years old but made up for it with better-than-expected defense and rebounding. He can probably be signed at a low price, preserving that precious space below the second apron.

Kevon Looney (right)

Looney is a championship center who is hitting unrestricted free agency and not expected to return to his current team, the Pelicans. He’s an 11-year veteran but still only 30 years old, having played most of his career in the middle of championship contention with the Warriors (where Mike Brown was the lead assistant). Offers high IQ and strong rebounding (which the Knicks will need in their reserve group), but is only 6-foot-9. Might be had on a minimum contract after the Pelicans declined his $8 million team option.

Nick Richards

The Knicks could use all the frontcourt help they can get and Richards, who finished last season with the Bulls, represents an inexpensive option. He’s also been linked for years to the Knicks, mostly through his connection to executive William Wesley, who unsuccessfully lobbied to draft Richards in 2020. Richards’ career has been up and down and he frequently missed games the last two seasons. But he’s a big bruising body (6-11, 245 pounds) and the Knicks are in that market. *— Stefan Bondy*



RESERVE CAUSE: Landry Shamet agreed to a new deal with the Knicks on Monday, meaning at least two of their top three bench players will be back next season. Getty Images

The spend is near

After years of tanking, Nets ready to add talent as free agency opens

By BRIAN LEWIS

Just like a year ago, the Nets enter free agency with a huge cache of salary cap space. But this time they won't be using it to get future assets, but to get better now.

With their tanking hopefully behind them, Brooklyn will at least try to compete this season. While the past two years have been about taking salary dumps to get draft picks, now they have every intention of improving the roster.

League sources told The Post that the Nets are more likely to use the space in trades than chasing free agents, and cap experts Bobby Marks of ESPN and Yossi Gozlan of The Third Apron agreed that's where the value is. The Nets have shown interest in New Orleans' Trey Murphy III and Oklahoma City's Cason Wallace, and there was even a report linking them to Boston's Jaylen Brown.

Nets GM Sean Marks' first step was the trade for Julius Randle, which netted them not only a better player than the departing Nic Claxton, but a second first-round pick in last week's draft.

The first free agency decisions were the ones in their own building. The Nets extended Josh Minott (two years, $9 million), Day'Ron Sharpe (two years, $20 million) and Malachi Smith (one year, $2.15 million) and declined Ziaire Williams' team option.

Gozlan projected the Nets to still have $36 million in salary space left as free agency begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday after the Minott and Sharpe deals (with Randle yet to be official). Shipping Claxton to Chicago (and the Lakers extending Austin Reaves to eat up much of their cap space) put the Nets in the driver's seat in terms of cap space.

What will Sean Marks do with it?

Michael Porter Jr. will have to get traded or extended. Gozlan opined it might take 20 to 25 percent of the cap — or four years and roughly $160 million — to give him an extension. But Gozlan and Spotrac's Keith Smith suggested Brooklyn can use cap space to bump Porter's salary up to $49.5 million this season then drop it by 40 percent in the first year of his extension, offering a three-year deal between $90 million and $99 million.

With plenty of space left, the Nets have been linked to unrestricted free agents like Knicks center Mitchell Robinson, by The Post, and Cleveland guard Keon Ellis and Lakers forward Rui Hachimura, by The Steinline.

The Nets are in need of point-of-attack defense and a rim-protecting center.

The Post's Stefan Bondy reported that if Knicks owner James Dolan doesn't do an about-face on his unwillingness to spend into the second apron, the Knicks are unlikely to re-sign Robinson. After having traded away Claxton, a starter, the Nets could swoop in and pair Robinson with the newly extended Sharpe.

Nets head coach Jordi Fernández was a Kings assistant during Ellis' tenure in Sacramento. If Ellis leaves Cleveland, he could be a cost-effective veteran 3-and-D option off the bench.

The Nets have also been linked to restricted free agents like potential max center Jalen Duren or rising wings Peyton Watson and Tari Eason.

But sources have said the trade market might be more likely.

The Nets were cited as potential suitors for Murphy and Brown by Hoopshype. While league sources told The Post that acquiring Brown is unlikely, Murphy — while clearly costing significant draft equity — would better fit Brooklyn's timeline and is on a friendly contract.

Meanwhile, even though dealing with OKC GM Sam Presti is a recipe to get fleeced, the teams are natural trade partners considering the Nets' need for talent and the loaded Thunder's need to shed salary. That likely means either Lu Dort or a combination of Thomas Sorber, Nikola Topic and Kenrich Williams.

There is a belief around the league that Wallace is open to leaving OKC, and he's up for a big extension the Thunder might be loath to pay. The young guard would cost multiple first-round picks but be the point-of-attack defender the Nets need.

Dort, 27, is older but more obtainable. He made All-Defensive First Team in 2025, a year after playing for Fernández's Canada squad in the Olympics.

With the tank behind them, Nets fans finally get to watch a team trying to improve rather than just acquiring assets.

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Nets targets

Three players the Nets could land in free agency, or using their cap space in a trade:

Mitchell Robinson (right)

After the Nets dealt Nic Claxton, Day'Ron Sharpe is the nominal center. But he's started only 21 career games — seven last season — and isn't a shot blocker. Robinson — who The Post's Stefan Bondy reported is unlikely to re-sign with the Knicks — is a rim protector who would give the Nets their best rebounding one-two punch ever. He's projected to earn $13 million to $15 million annually; do the Nets go higher to get him?

Keon Ellis

The Nets are sorely lacking a point-of-attack defender, and there's no guarantee Drake Powell ever grows into that role. OKC has an embarrassment of riches in Cason Wallace and Lu Dort, but the more under-the-radar Ellis — who played in Sacramento when Nets coach Jordi Fernández was a Kings assistant — could provide at least a reasonable facsimile of that off the bench at a cheaper price point.

Trey Murphy III

The Nets have $40 million in cap space and could use that in trades. Wallace and Jaylen Brown might be unlikely, but Murphy — who league personnel believe is willing to leave New Orleans — could be high on the wish list. The sweet-shooting wing would cost multiple first-round picks, but The Athletic's Sam Amick reported the Nets and Clippers may be the favorites among a long list of possible suitors.

— Brian Lewis

STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

"Life, Larry And The Pursuit Of Unhappiness" (HBO Max) feels like a hybrid that no one asked for, but at least we found out that we don't want such a concentrated dose of the **"Curb Your Enthusiasm"** version of **Larry David** (below). **OUR CALL: SKIP IT**

John Johnson/HBO

WHAT TO WATCH

After five seasons, 46 episodes, loads of anxiety, and too many drool-worthy dishes, "Yes, chefs," and "Strange Currencies" replays to track, it's closing time for Christopher Storer's Emmy-winning FX comedy, **"The Bear."** Ultimately, the final season serves up more ingredients we love and cements the series' indelible TV legacy.

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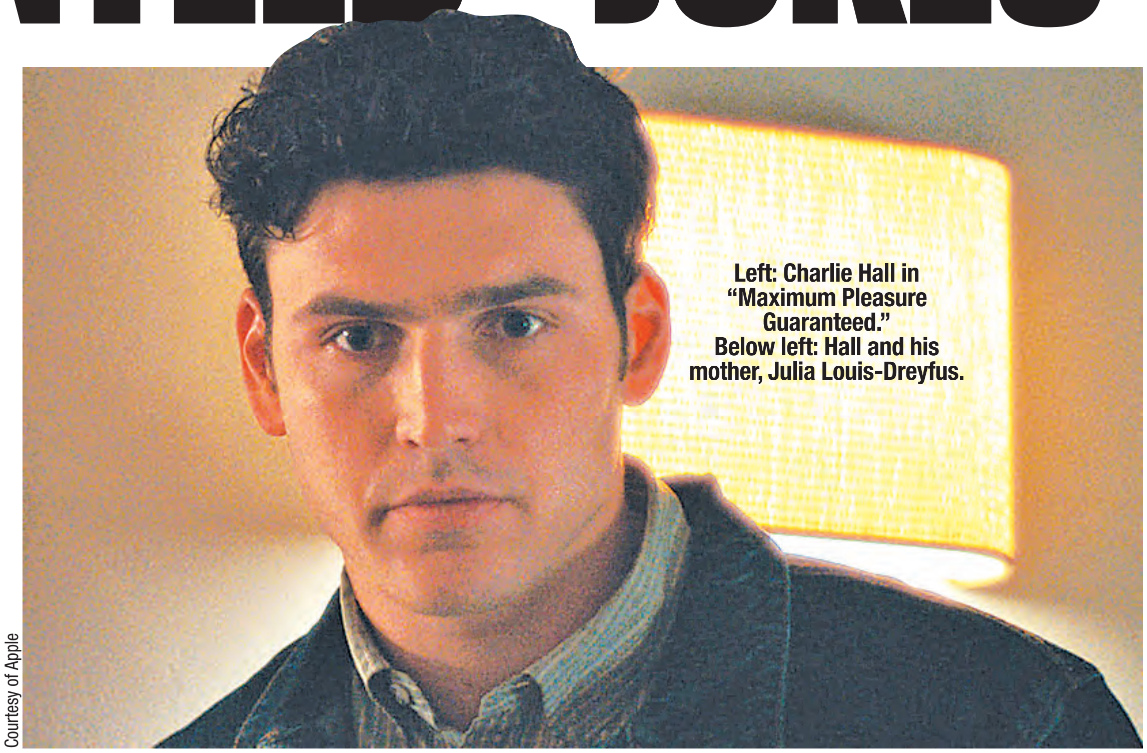
'GUARANTEED' JOKES

Charlie Hall talks 'The White Lotus' and 'Maximum Pleasure Guaranteed'



Courtesy of Apple

Left: Charlie Hall in "Maximum Pleasure Guaranteed." Below left: Hall and his mother, Julia Louis-Dreyfus.

By LAUREN SARNER

Charlie Hall is set to be one of the new stars of **"The White Lotus"** Season 4.

The actor, 29, who is currently in Apple TV's **"Maximum Pleasure Guaranteed,"** exclusively told The Post that when he found out he landed "The White Lotus" gig, his first call was to his mom, Julia Louis-Dreyfus.

"I told her I got it. She was with my dad [former **"SNL"** cast member Brad Hall], and I heard her [put] the phone down and talk to my dad, like, 'Charlie got it, he got it, he got it!"

Hall added that he thinks the **"Veep"** star was "trying to keep calm, because I was pretty calm…I was trying not to freak out. Especially because you never want to celebrate too much before you've done the work."

His comedian parents were both "insanely stoked" that he'll be in "The White Lotus" Season 4, which will be set in France, because the Mike White HBO series is, "one of their favorite shows. They are excited for me to be on a show like that."

In Season 3 of "The White Lotus," Patrick Schwarzenegger's character had to kiss his on-screen brother.

When asked if he was worried about potentially doing similar material, Hall said, "I was definitely thinking 'oh, I wonder what I'm going to do,' or if there's anything that's a little raunchy.'"

But, he added that it's such a "wonderful show" and White is such "an amazing writer," that, "I was kind of like, 'whatever happens, happens.'"

Season 4 doesn't have an announced premiere date yet.

"I know I'm biased, but I think it could be really the best one yet… it's very classic 'The White Lotus.' Everything feels funny, while still feeling really real. It's kind of more of the same, in the best way possible, with some twists and turns along the way."

In the meantime, Hall's current show is also full of twists.

"Maximum Pleasure Guaranteed" is a dark comedy following Paula (Tatiana Maslany), a single mom who gets ensnared in a murder plot involving a webcam boy.

Hall plays Rudy, her co-worker, who gets pulled into her schemes and is along for the ride.

"The Sex Lives of College Girls" actor said he liked "how oscillating in tone" the show is.

"It could be legitimately scary or legitimately thrilling or really funny."

Rudy is "the kind of guy that is always looking to joke around, and that's definitely something that I'm always doing as well," Hall said.

" I was like, 'oh, okay, great.' He's looking to find the joke, and I've been doing that since I was like five years old, so that's perfect," he added.

Despite growing up in a showbiz family, Hall didn't immediately know he wanted to act.

"My family is super funny… We're always doing bits. But it never really struck me that that was something that I would want to do professionally. I was obsessed with basketball growing up. So, for the longest time I was like, 'it's the NBA or bust!'"

He quipped that he eventually realized "making the NBA is quite difficult" and then "tried out the acting thing, and just fell in love with it."

"Maximum Pleasure" and "The White Lotus" are on his plate now, but Hall was also in Ryan Murphy's **"Monster"** series on Netflix, specifically, in Season 2 (**"Monsters: The Lyle and Erik Menendez Story"**) and Season 3 (**"Monster: The Ed Gein Story"**).

When asked if he could return to future seasons, Hall said, "I would love to."

Murphy and writer Ian Brennan "took a chance on me in a lot of ways, because 'Monster' is a lot more serious than the stuff I had done prior to that," he said.

"I was stepping out of my comfort zone for that… I feel like I have a debt of gratitude to Ryan and the whole camp over there. So, anything they want me to do, I'm 100% there."

New episodes of "Maximum Pleasure Guaranteed" stream Wednesdays on Apple TV.

CHRISTINE BARTOLUCCI/ABC

TRENDING NOW

John Oliver (left) is making his **"General Hospital"** debut, appearing in three episodes of the ABC soap opera that will air on July 2, 3, and 6, respectively. The **"Last Week Tonight"** host revealed the news on his late-night HBO show on Sunday (June 28).

WHAT'S NEW

ON BET

"Lot Patrol," a mockumentary-style comedy series.

ON PARAMOUNT+

"Tyler Perry's Ruthless," the Season 6 premiere (left).

Best Bets

What's on Tonight

COMEDY

Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby: 8:15 p.m. on PARMT. Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly. Ricky Bobby's talent is put to the test against his new rival.

ADVENTURE

Black Adam on TNT. Dwayne Johnson, Sarah Shahi. Black Adam is freed from his earthly tomb, ready to unleash his unique form of justice.

THRILLER

Transporter 3: 10:30 p.m. on VH1. Jason Statham, Natalya Rudakova. Frank is forced to deliver the kidnapped daughter of a Ukrainian government official.

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Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Evening News	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	The Presidential 1776 Award: Who Knows America Best			First Marriage (R)	NCIS: Sydney: Van Life (R)		CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Comics
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	Access Hollywood (R)	America's Got Talent: AGT: July 4th Party in the USA				Password: Don't Be So	Password	News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show
5 WNYW	5	5	5	FIFA World Cup Live.	Extra	TMZ Live	FIFA World Cup Live.	(8:45) 2026 FIFA World Cup Live.					The 10 O'Clock News	
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune (R)	RJ Decker: Pilot (R)		Will Trent: ... Speaking of Sharks (R)		Will Trent: Love Takes Time (R)		News	(11:35) Kimmel Live
9 WWOR	9	9	9	(6:00) 6 O'Clock News	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The News on My 9		Chicago P.D.: Fagin (R)		Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Chicago P.D.: Grasping for Salvation (R)	
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13 WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		Finding Your Roots: Secret Lives (R)		Lucy Worsley Investigates: A Messy Divorce (R)		Frontline: The Crown Prince & the President			Amanpour
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	My Life	(7:45) Father Brown		Murder Mysteries		Silent Witness		Penny	BBC News	The Day
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BBCAM	71	101	189	The Rock (1996, Action) Sean Connery.			The Hunt for Red October (1990, Action) Sean Connery. PG ★★★½						Law & Order: Atonement	
BET	37	54	270	(6:04) Feud	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Ms. Pat	Comic View	Lot Patrol	Martin	Martin	Martin
BRAVO	18	44	185	In City (R)	In The City (R)		In The City: Get Married		Next Gen NYC (R)		In The City: Get Married		McBee Dynasty (R)	
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with Kaitlan		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live	
COMEDY	45	50	190	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
DISC	66	27	120	Storm (R)	Eye of Storm (R)		Eye of Storm (R)		Eye of Storm (R)		Eye of Storm: Hurricane		Eye of Storm (R)	
DISNEY	49	31	250	Big City	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Vampirina	Phineas	Phineas	Kiff	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Sully (2016) Tom Hanks.	
ESPN	28	36	70	Sports	NBA Today: Free Agency Special				ESPN Films				SportsCenter	
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FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
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FOOD	50	97	164	Chopped	Chopped		Chopped Castaways		Chopped Castaways: Escape			Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
FREE	38	49	199	Wish (2023, Family) Ariana DeBose. PG				(8:35) Moana (2016, Comedy) Dwayne Johnson, Auli'i Cravalho. PG					The 700 Club (R)	
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HIST	40	47	128	The Secret	The Secret (R)		The Secret (R)		The Secret of Skinwalker		The Secret	(10:32) Proof Is Out		Proof Out
ID	23	171	123	Evil Here	Evil Lives Here		48 Hours on ID		Surviving a Serial Killer		Bodies in the Water		911: Did the Killer Call?	
LIFE	62	45	140	Castle	Castle: Tone Death		Castle: Prosecution		Castle: Dead Red		Castle: Blame Game		Castle: Justice for All	
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MSG	27	87	78	Team Boxing League: Houston Hitmen at LA Elite				MSG Summer	NBA Basketball Replay.				NBA Basketball Replay.	
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(6:00) To Be Announced: Program information is currently unavailable.										
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		The Briefing Jen Psaki		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour with Ali	
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NATGEO	65	162	121	Survival (R)	Northwoods Survival (R)		Northwoods Survival (R)		Northwoods Survival		Life Below Zero (R)		Port Protection (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	SpongeBob	Friends: The Last One		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang
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PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) Old School (2003, Comedy) R ★★★			Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (2006) Will Ferrell. ★★★					(10:45) Major League (1989, Comedy) R		
SNY	26	60	77	Pre Game	MLB Baseball: New York Mets at Toronto Blue Jays from Rogers Centre. Live.						Post Game	Sports	Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	Red (2010, Action) Bruce Willis. PG-13 ★★★½					Red 2 (2013, Action) Bruce Willis. PG-13 ★★★					Day After
TBS	8	39	52	MLB on TBS	MLB Baseball: Detroit Tigers at New York Yankees from Yankee Stadium. Live.						MLB on TBS	The Office	The Office	The Office
TCM	82	41	230	(6:15) The Long Night (1947, Crime) ★★★			Slap Shot (1977, Comedy) Paul Newman. R ★★★				Slaughterhouse-Five (1972, Drama) Michael Sacks. R			
TLC	52	28	139	Jay & Pam	Baylen Out Loud (R)		Baylen Out Loud		Baylen Out Loud		(10:01) Jay & Pamela		(11:04) Little Singles (R)	
TNT	3	37	51	(5:30) I, Robot (2004, Science Fiction)			The Accountant (2016, Action) Ben Affleck. R ★★★					Black Adam (2022) Dwayne Johnson.		
TVLAND	85	34	241	(6:24) Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	(9:20) Loves Raymond		Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	SVU: Ace	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU: Wet	
VH1	19	52	217	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	The Commuter (2018, Thriller) Liam Neeson. PG-13 ★★★					Transporter 3 (2008) Jason Statham.		
WE	59	42	149	Minds	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds: Legacy		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds: Doubt		Criminal Minds	
YES	53	89	76	Home Plate	Pinstripe	Breaking	CenterStage		History of the: 1957-1979		Postgame	Homegrown	Sportico	BK Show
HBO	511	301	400	(6:43) Gran Turismo (2023, Drama) David Harbour, Orlando Bloom.					Bang My Box: The Robin Byrd Story			(10:22) Of the Dragon (R)		Robin Byrd
MAX	531	371	420	(6:28) It's Kind of a Funny Story (2010, Comedy) Keir Gilchrist, Emma Roberts. PG-13 ★★★							Christmas with the Kranks (2004) PG ★★			Witness ★★
MGM Plus	595		395	Transformers: The Last Knight (2017)			The Martian (2015, Science Fiction) Matt Damon. PG-13 ★★★½					(10:25) Annihilation (2018, Drama) R ★★★		
PARSHO	551	321	365	(5:45) The Hunt for Red October (1990)			The Last Duel (2021, Action) Matt Damon. R ★★★½					The Dark Tower (2017) Idris Elba. ★★½		

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